



COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES

MEETING AGENDA *August 28, 2014*

*Meeting Location: The Inn at St. John's, Grande Ballroom
44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 48170*

The purpose of the meeting is for Commission members to gather national and state-specific information regarding child abuse and neglect fatalities. During this meeting, Commissioners will learn about challenges and opportunities for counting child maltreatment fatalities in Michigan and at the federal level; state and federal strategies for improving data collection to inform research, practice, and policy; the role of fatality reviews in identifying and implementing prevention strategies and needed system improvements; and Michigan's strategies for identifying children at risk and successful programs for preventing child abuse and neglect fatalities.

- 8:00 - 8:10 Opening remarks
Presenter: Chairman David Sanders, CECANF
- 8:10 - 8:40 Youth and parent presentations
Presenters:
- Nancy Vivoda, Parent advocate
- Justin McElwee, FosterClub
- 8:40 - 9:40 Process and Mechanics of Counting Child Maltreatment Fatalities in Michigan—Panel discussion
Presenters:
- Steve Yager, Director, Children's Services Administration, Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Dr. Bethany Mohr, Clinical Assistant Professor, Medical Director—Child Protection Team, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital
- Brian Hunter, Chief Medical Examiner, Genesee County
- Lora Weingarden, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Child Abuse Division
- Detective Elizabeth M. Reust, Retired Lansing Police Department, Chief Investigator Western Michigan University Homer Stryker School of Medicine Sparrow Hospital Forensic Pathology
- 9:40 - 9:50 Break
- 9:50 - 10:50 Fatality Reviews in Michigan: Implementation of Recommendations and Outcomes—Panel discussion
Presenters:
- Heidi Hilliard, Senior Project Coordinator, Michigan Child Death Review Program and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Case Registry, Michigan Public Health Institute
- Colin Parks, Manager, Office of Child Welfare Program and Policy, Children's Services Administration, DHS

- *Paulette Dobyne Dunbar, Manager, Woman, Infant and Family Health Section, Family and Community Health Division, Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH)*
- *Debi Cain, Executive Director, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment, DHS*
- *Tobin Miller, State Ombudsman*
- *Seth Persky, Office of the Family Advocate*

10:50 - 11:20

Remarks—A Child Is Still Waiting

Presenter: *Maura D. Corrigan, Director, Michigan DHS*

11:20 - 11:45

Congressional remarks

Presenters:

- *U.S. Representative Dave Camp*
- *U.S. Representative Sandy Levin*

11:45 - 12:15

Lunch break

12:15 - 2:15

State and Federal Strategies to Improve Data Collection for More Effective Child Maltreatment Fatality Research, Practice, and Policy—Panel discussion

Presenters:

- *Amy M. Smith Slep, Ph.D., Professor, Family Translational Research Group, Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care, New York University*
- *Patricia Schnitzer, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor, Sinclair School of Nursing, University of Missouri*
- *Steve Wirtz, Ph.D., Chief, Injury Surveillance and Epidemiology Section, Safe and Active Communities (SAC) Branch, California Department of Public Health*
- *Vincent Palusci, M.D., M.S., Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Bellevue Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center*

2:15 - 2:30

Break

2:30 - 3:30

Prevention Strategies: Are They Reducing Child Fatalities and How Do We Know?—Panel discussion

Presenters:

- *Stacie Bladen, Acting Deputy Director, Children’s Services Administration, DHS*
- *Brenda Fink, Director, Division of Family and Community Health, Bureau of Family, Maternal and Child Health, DCH*
- *Michael Foley, Executive Director, Children’s Trust Fund*
- *Kaitlin Ferrick, Director, Michigan Head Start Collaboration*
- *Blandina Rose, Ph.D., Project Director, Promise Neighborhoods, Black Family Development, Inc.*

3:30 - 4:00

Local organizations and speakers

Presenters:

- *Renée Branch Canady, Ph.D., M.P.A., Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Public Health Institute*
- *Frank E. Vandervort, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School*
- *Cheryl Polk, Ph.D., President, HighScope Educational Research Foundation*

4:00 - 4:30

Commissioner dialogue and reflection

Copies of the PowerPoint slides will be posted on our website: <https://eliminatechildabusefatalities.sites.usa.gov/>