

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Fatality Review Board
March 16, 2009

Present: Mr. James McGaughey, Dr. Gerard Kerins, Attorney John DeMattia, Lieutenant David Rice, Dr. Wayne Carver and Mr. Peter Hughes, Ms. Anne Broadhurst, Ms. Christine Gaynor and Ms. Barbara Roy, OPA staff.

Absent: Ms. Patricia Mansfield and David Carlow

1. Minutes of the January 26, 2009 FRB meeting were reviewed and accepted. It was noted that the next FRB meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at the Division of Scientific Services, Forensic Science Laboratory in Meriden.
2. Draft of 2006-2008 FRB Annual Report

Dr. Kerins noted that the FRB and OPA/AID case summaries contain detailed information which might lead to the identification of victims, thus violating confidentiality. Board members agreed to the redaction of certain identifiable information. Ms. Broadhurst will prepare a second draft to distribute to Board members for their review. Dr. Kerins also suggested that the report include a statement indicating that cases which involve a suspicion of abuse and/or neglect represent a small percentage of the total cases reviewed by the FRB. Board members also agreed to the addition of a statement of this nature. Mr. McGaughey noted that he would prepare a two-page Executive Summary to be distributed with the full report.

3. Conflict of Interest Policy

Mr. McGaughey noted that the FRB By-Laws contain a section pertaining to Conflict of Interest, which states that whenever a Board member believes that a matter to be discussed or voted upon would involve a conflict, that member informs the Board of such and abstains from discussion and/or voting on the matter. Mr. McGaughey suggested that the Board develop a policy which addresses conflicts of interest which may arise through the FRB and the OPA/AID collaborating on certain cases and conducting joint investigations. Mr. McGaughey will draft a policy which will be distributed to Board members for their input.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review. It was noted that the Board hasn't yet received a response from Commissioner O'Meara regarding DDS allowing a provider to adhere to a policy that prohibits the delegation of certain nursing tasks, such as oxygen administration and g-tube feedings.

5. Executive Session
6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

The next FRB meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2009 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Division of Scientific Services in Meriden