

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Fatality Review Board
November 28, 2012

Present: Mr. James McGaughey, Ms. Patricia Mansfield, Attorney John DeMattia, Dr. Gerard Kerins, Professor Timothy Palmbach, and Ms. Anne Broadhurst, Ms. Barbara Roy, and Ms. Diana Lincoln, (OPA staff).

Absent: Ms. Holly Olko, Ms. Dory McGrath, and Mr. Peter Hughes (OPA staff).

1. The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 12, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved and accepted.
2. The Board reviewed and discussed an Executive Summary, prepared by Mr. McGaughey as an introduction to the report, "Lessons Learned from Ten Years of Mortality Reviews and Investigations", which will soon be posted on OPA's website. Mr. McGaughey noted that the Hartford Courant plans to publish a series of articles featuring (in part) the work of the FRB.
3. Mr. McGaughey summarized a meeting, which was held on October 11, 2012 with representatives from the Board (Mr. McGaughey, Dr. Kerins, and Ms. Anne Broadhurst), the Department of Public Health (Ms. Barbara Cass) and the Department of Developmental Services (Ms. Dory McGrath, Mr. John Tierney) to discuss the development of a dysphagia training initiative, to be implemented in extended care facilities. The idea for such an initiative came about following a number of recent choking deaths involving DDS clients living in skilled nursing facilities. At the meeting, Ms. Barbara Cass suggested that representatives from the FRB and DDS attend a quarterly CT Association of Health Care Facilities (Nursing Home Trade Association) meeting to introduce this proposal. Mr. McGaughey noted that he not yet heard from Ms. Cass regarding the Trade Association's next meeting.
4. Executive Session and Case Review
5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next FRB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2012 at the Grimes Center in New Haven.