

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Fatality Review Board
May 20, 2015

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

Absent: Mr. Craig Henrici, Ms. Patricia Mansfield, and Ms. Lakisha Hyatt (DDS Liaison)

1. General Business

- In Mr. Henrici's absence, Mr. McGaughey agreed to chair the meeting.
- The minutes from the March 18, 2015 FRB meeting were corrected to show that Attorney John DeMattia was present. Following note of this correction, the minutes from the March 18, 2015 FRB meeting were accepted and adopted.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the DDS End-of-Life related policies and procedures, which were forwarded to Ms. Broadhurst in advance of the meeting by Ms. Lakisha Hyatt. Mr. McGaughey noted that in the End-of-Life Decisions, Health and Safety Section, References, the link to 'Withholding Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation' is not available. Mr. McGaughey questioned whether DDS policies/procedures regarding 'Withholding Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation' conform to current CT statutory requirements, or whether the statutes need to be updated to reflect current best practice. The Board was interested in learning when revisions to the DDS Advanced Directive and Mortality procedures will be completed. The Board was also interested in learning whether the "MOLST" (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) process will be incorporated into DDS policies and procedures related to End-of-Life decision-making and care.
- Mr. McGaughey noted that several cases reviewed by the FRB have concerned individuals who have died in out-of-state facilities, and DDS has been unable to obtain records for purposes of mortality review. It was suggested that DDS consider pursuing some type of agreement with out-of-state-facilities (that have agreed to accept and treat DDS clients), which would require them to release records to the DDS, State of CT. This issue will be raised at a future meeting when Ms. Hyatt can be present for the discussion.

2. Executive Session

3. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The next FRB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th, 2015 at the Grimes Center in New Haven.