

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Fatality Review Board
July 15, 2015

Present: Mr. Craig Henrici, Attorney John DeMattia, Mr. James McGaughey, Dr. Gerard Kerins, Ms. Lakisha Hyatt (DDS Liaison), and Ms. Anne Broadhurst, Ms. Diana Lincoln, Mr. Peter Hughes and Ms. Barbara Roy (OPA staff)
Absent: Professor Timothy Palmbach and Ms. Patricia Mansfield

1. General Business

- The minutes from the May 20, 2015 FRB meeting were accepted and adopted.
- The Board agreed to postpone discussion of DDS End-of-Life materials until the September 16, 2015 FRB meeting to allow for all Board members to be present. Ms. Hyatt will forward any proposed changes to related statutes in advance of the September meeting for the Board's review.
- Ms. Hyatt provided the Board with a response to the Board's questions regarding STS Quality Assurance Systems, which were outlined in the Board's June 3, 2015 letter to Ms. Hyatt. Ms. Hyatt will continue to inform the Board of future developments regarding the involvement of an outside professional in the implementation of the STS improvement standards and processes.
- Ms. Hyatt noted that she will be a presenter at a Department of Public Health (DPH) Trade Association meeting this coming fall. The Trade Association is made up of not-for-profit and for-profit nursing home representatives. Ms. Hyatt will be sharing information related to the obligation of nursing homes to report significant changes in the condition of DDS clients, including hospitalizations and deaths, to their respective DDS Case Managers in a timely fashion. It was suggested that the FRB share with DPH additional concerns which have surfaced as a results of the Board's reviews, such as the implementation of preventive care guidelines in skilled nursing facilities, and the failure of facilities to utilize DNR Transfer Forms. Ms. Broadhurst will contact Ms. Donna Ortelle, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH Facility Licensing and Investigations Section directly.

2. Executive Session

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

The next FRB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 at the Grimes Center in New Haven.