

**Texas State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) Committee
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m., August 12, 2022**

**Physical Location: Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Robert Bernstein Building, Room K-100, First Floor
1100 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756**

TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Table 1: Texas State Child Fatality Review Team Committee attendance at the August 12, 2022, meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Chief Michael Baldwin, Chair	X		Ms. Letty Martinez		X
Judge Shane Brassell		X	Ms. LaViza Matthews	X	
Dr. Kim Cheung	X		Dr. Kenton Murthy, Vice Chair	X	
Dr. Tara Das		X	Ms. Angelica Powers	X	
Ms. Kristi Elliott		X	Dr. Jennifer Ross	X	
Ms. Madelyn "Maddie" Fletcher	X		Ms. Kathryn Sibley	X	
Sheriff Christopher Forbis	X		Ms. Amy Smith		X
Dr. Sanjuanita Garza-Cox	X		Captain Steven Tellez	X	
Captain Michael Hayes	X		Dr. Lawrence Thompson, Jr.	X	
Ms. Kerrie Judice	X		Mr. Jeremy Triplett	X	
Dr. Owais Khan	X		Dr. Jeannine Von Stultz	X	
Ms. Diane Macleod	X		The Honorable State Representative Gene Wu	X	

Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Roll Call and Quorum Establishment

Dr. Kenton Murthy, Vice-Chair, convened the State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) meeting at 10:01 a.m., and welcomed attendees. Ms. Sallie Allen, Project Manager, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC), provided logistical announcements, conducted the roll call and noted a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of May 20, 2022, draft meeting minutes

Ms. Allen called for any edits or changes to the draft May 20, 2022 meeting minutes; receiving no edits or changes, Ms. Allen called for a motion to approve the draft.

MOTION

Dr. Kim Cheung moved to approve the May 20, 2022 draft meeting minutes as written. Sheriff Christopher Forbis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of open SCFRT position – Child Abuse Prevention Specialist

Ms. Allen advised the six permanent SCFRT members would consider the candidate for the open SCFRT Child Abuse Prevention Specialist member position. Ms. Sarah Blezinger, Injury Protection Coordinator, Office of Injury Prevention, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), introduced the applicant, Dr. Simi Abraham, representing the University of Texas (UT) Health McGovern Medical School.

Ms. Allen called on each of the six permanent members to record their individual vote on Dr. Simi Abraham to fill the open SCFRT Child Abuse Prevention Specialist member position:

- Mr. Jeremy Triplett, voting as proxy for Dr. Tara Das, voted yes on Dr. Abraham.
- Ms. Madelyn Fletcher voted to abstain on Dr. Abraham.
- Mr. Jeremy Triplett, voting as proxy for Ms. Letty Martinez, voted to abstain on Dr. Abraham.
- Ms. Kathryn Sibley voted yes on Dr. Abraham.
- Mr. Jeremy Triplett voted yes on Dr. Abraham.
- The Honorable State Representative Gene Wu voted yes on Dr. Abraham.

Ms. Allen noted four votes approving the selection of Dr. Abraham to the open SCFRT Child Abuse Prevention Specialist member position (T. Das, K. Sibley, J. Triplett, G. Wu) and two abstentions (M. Fletcher, L. Martinez), and announced Dr. Abraham was selected to fill the open SCFRT member position.

Agenda Item 4: Local Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) Updates

Ms. Blezinger provided updates on the local Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT). Key points included:

- New local CFRTs have formed, including the Denton County CFRT, River Hills CFRT, Brazoria County CFRT, and Jack County CFRT.
- Regional CFRT trainings will begin this fall. They will be held virtually and will be an opportunity for team leaders and members to meet regularly for discussions, presentations, and training opportunities. They will be tailored to each individual region's needs. The first training for regions 8 and 11 will occur sometime in September or October and the planning meeting for this training is set to occur in the coming weeks.

Agenda Item 5: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Child Passenger Crash Statistics Prevention

Ms. LaViza Matthews, SCFRT TxDOT representative, reviewed the Power Point presentation, "Child Passenger Crash Stats." Key points included:

- Overview of the Texas transportation system.
- Overview of the scope of the problem.
- United States statistics – 2020 motor vehicle crash highlights.
- Texas crash data.
- Information on child bike and pedestrian deaths.
- Information on Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke deaths.
- Information on back over incidents.
- Key insights and statistics related to seat belts and seat belt safety guidelines.
- TxDOT program overview: Click It or Ticket.
- Information on leading causes of teenager deaths.
- Information about child seat and booster seat safety.
- TxDOT campaign video links.
- Information about TxDOT districts.
- Information about Child Passenger Safety Week and Seat Check Saturday.

Agenda Item 6: DSHS Safe Riders Program Presentation

Ms. Marissa Rodriguez, Safe Riders Team Lead, Office of Injury Prevention, DSHS, reviewed the Power Point presentation, "Safe Riders Child Passenger Safety Program – Keeping Children Safe on the Road." Key points included:

- Motor vehicle traffic crash overview.
- Safe Riders Child Passenger Safety Program overview.

Agenda Item 7: Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Agenda Item 8: Adjourn

Dr. Murthy advised members adoption of the SCFRT bylaws is scheduled for the November 18, 2022, SCFRT meeting, and adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC video to view, and listen to, the entirety of the August 12, 2022, State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) meeting; this video will be available for approximately two years from the date the meeting video is posted in accordance with the HHSC records retention schedule:

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