

**Texas State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) Committee  
APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
10:00 a.m., February 10, 2023**

**Physical Location: Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)  
Robert D. Moreton Building, Room M-100, First Floor  
1100 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78756**

**TEAMS Virtual Meeting**

Table 1: Texas SCFRT Committee attendance at the February 10, 2023, meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Dr. Simi Abraham	X		Ms. Diane Macleod	X	
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	
Ms. Lori Gabbert Charney		X	Captain Steven Tellez	X	
Dr. Sanjuanita Garza-Cox	X		Dr. Lawrence Thompson, Jr.	X	
Captain Michael Hayes	X		Dr. Jeannine Von Stultz	X	
Ms. Kerrie Judice	X		The Honorable State Representative Gene Wu		X
Dr. Owais Khan	X				

**Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Roll Call and Quorum Establishment**

Chief Michael Baldwin, Chair, convened the SCFRT meeting at 10:00 a.m., and welcomed attendees. Ms. Francesca Kupper, Project Manager, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), provided logistical announcements, conducted the roll call, and noted a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item 2: Consideration of November 18, 2022, draft meeting minutes**

Chief Baldwin called for any edits or changes to the draft November 18, 2022, meeting minutes. Receiving no edits or changes, Chief Baldwin called for a motion to approve the draft.

**MOTION:**

Dr. Kenton Murthy moved to approve the November 18, 2022, draft meeting minutes as written. Dr. Kim Cheung seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no nays nor abstentions.

### **Agenda Item 3: Consideration of Open SCFRT position – Child Mental Health Provider**

Chief Baldwin announced this agenda item is to provide the six permanent SCFRT members the opportunity to consider and vote on the open SCFRT Committee position – Child Mental Health Provider. Ms. Sarah Blezinger, Injury Protection Coordinator, Injury Prevention Unit, DSHS, introduced the applicant, Dr. Lawrence Thompson Jr.

Ms. Kupper called on each of the six permanent members to record their individual vote on Dr. Lawrence Thompson Jr. to fill the open SCFRT Child Mental Health member position:

- Dr. Tara Das voted yes on Dr. Thompson.
- Ms. Madelyn Fletcher voted to abstain on Dr. Thompson.
- Ms. Lori Gabbert Charney was recorded as absent.
- Ms. Letty Martinez voted yes on Dr. Thompson
- Ms. Kathryn Sibley voted yes on Dr. Thompson.
- The Honorable State Representative Gene Wu was recorded as absent.

Ms. Kupper noted three votes approving the selection of Dr. Thompson to the open SCFRT Child Mental Health Provider member position (T. Das, M. Fletcher, K. Sibley); one abstention (M. Fletcher); and two absences (L. Gabbert Charney and G. Wu), and announced Dr. Lawrence Thompson Jr. was selected to fill the open SCFRT member position.

### **Agenda Item 4: Consideration of amendment to SCFRT bylaws**

Chief Baldwin noted members had previously been advised of the amendment to the SCFRT bylaws. Ms. Blezinger reviewed the proposed amendment with committee members. Chief Baldwin called for a motion to approve the SCFRT bylaws amendment.

#### **MOTION:**

Dr. Murthy moved to approve the SCFRT bylaws amendment. Dr. Cheung seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 19 yeas (S. Abraham; M. Baldwin; K. Cheung; T. Das; K. Elliott; C. Forbis; S. Garza-Cox; M. Hayes; K. Judice; O. Khan; D. Macleod; L. Martinez; K. Murthy; A. Powers; K. Sibley; A. Smith; S. Tellez; L. Thompson; and, J. Von Stutz); one abstention (M. Fletcher); and, no nays.

### **Agenda Item 5: Review and vote on Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) protocol**

Chief Baldwin referred members to their meeting packets, reviewed the CFRT protocol and called for a motion to adopt the protocol.

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Murthy moved to adopt the CFRT protocol. Ms. Amy Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 20 yeas (S. Abraham; M. Baldwin; K. Cheung; T. Das; K. Elliott; C. Forbis; S. Garza-Cox; M. Hayes; K. Judice; O. Khan; D. Macleod; L. Martinez; K. Murthy; A. Powers; J. Ross; K. Sibley; A. Smith; S. Tellez; L. Thompson; and, J. Von Stutz); one abstention (M. Fletcher); and, no nays.

### **Agenda Item 6: Presentation: Texas Violent Death Reporting System (TVDRS) 2020 Data and Next Steps**

Ms. Leslie Alvarez, Manager, Texas Violent Death Reporting System, DSHS, reviewed the Power Point presentation, "Texas Violent Death Reporting System (TVDRS) 2020 Data and Next Steps." Key points included:

- What is violent death?
- National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) overview
- TVDRS Introduction

- TVDRS Process
- Why Collect Violent Death Data?
- Data: 2011-2020 Texas Suicide Rates, 2019-2020 United States Violent Deaths, 2019-2020 Texas Violent Deaths
- How is TVDRS Unique?
- TVDRS Data Element Overview
- TVDRS Unique Operations
- TVDRS Pilot Year 1 and Year 2 Overview
- Overview of 2020 All Ages Death Data
- Overview of 2020 Child Death Data
- TVDRS Expansion/Next Steps
- TVDRS Successes and Challenges
- How can TVDRS and NVDRS data be used?

**Agenda Item 7: Public Comment**

Ms. Kupper announced that one written public comment had been received and had been shared with SCFRT members. No further requests for public comment were received.

**Agenda Item 8: Adjourn**

Ms. Sarah Blezinger, Injury Prevention Coordinator, DSHS, provided the following updates:

- SCFRT Committee members received information about state drowning prevention measures as requested during the November committee meeting.
- In response to a request for a statewide Child Fatality Review conference: Regional and Statewide Child Fatality Review trainings will continue to be held virtually at this time.

Chief Baldwin noted the next meeting is scheduled on May 12, 2023, and adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

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