

ATTACHMENT 3

NATIONAL EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS

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- Karel Amaranth – Child Advocacy
Executive Director, JE and ZB Butler Child Advocacy Center at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (New York)

Ms. Amaranth was the Director of the Victims Assistance Services of Westchester County, New York, from 1998 to 2001, with specific accomplishments in program development, public and community relations, funding development, and national and international outreach. She was the Executive Director of the Bronx Jewish Community Council Home Attendant Services, with duties such as new project development and women’s health initiatives, budgeting, fiscal oversight and compliance, and conference planning. She was a recipient of the Woman of the Year award presented by the Bronx Borough President in 1997. She has filled other executive director positions for the Women’s Action Alliance and the Self-help Community Services Home Attendant Corporation from 1985 through 1996.

- Susan Broderick – Prosecuting Attorney
Senior Attorney, American Prosecutors Research Institute’s National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (New York)

Ms. Broderick received her B.A. degree in Political Science from the State University of New York at Albany and graduated from St. John’s University of Law in 1989. She worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office from 1989 to 2003. During that time, she was assigned to the Trial Division, where she handled domestic violence and homicide cases and was also a member of the Sex Crimes Unit. In 2000, she was appointed Deputy Bureau Chief of the Family Violence and Child Abuse Bureau. As Deputy Chief, she supervised a unit of senior level attorneys on all aspects of child abuse and child fatalities. She was a member of the Mayor’s Child Abuse Task Force, the New York City Network on Abuse and Neglect, the New York State Sexual Assault Legislative Subcommittee and the Mayor’s Abandoned Infant Protection Act Subcommittee.

- Denise Brown – Investigator III, State Technical Assistance Team, Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services

Ms. Brown has been with the Missouri State Technical Assistance Team since 2006 and has over 7 years of experience in the investigation of child abuse and neglect and child sexual abuse cases. Ms. Brown currently investigates cases of child abuse, child sexual abuse and child fatalities and conducts forensic interviews, crime scene processing, evidence collection and suspect interviews. She also has nearly ten years of experience as a police officer and nurse.

- James Carpenter, MD – Forensic Pediatrician
Staff Pediatrician, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center

Dr. Carpenter is a child abuse pediatrician who chairs the Contra Costa County Child Death Review Team. His specific background regarding child fatality review dates back to 1987 when he formed his county's team. He has chaired the team from its inception and has been involved in the Bay Area Coalition of Child Death Review teams as well as attending state trainings on a regular basis. He has delivered presentations at state trainings and has participated in several state and regional Death Review Team task groups.

- Patrick Clyne, MD – Forensic Pediatrician
Staff Pediatrician, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

In addition to being the staff pediatrician, Dr. Clyne is the Assistant Clinical Professor at the Department of Pediatrics for the Stanford University School of Medicine. He has been the chairman of the Santa Clara County Child Death Review Team, and has been a member of the Santa Clara County Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Committee, since 1994. He has been on the Santa Clara County Child Abuse Council Inter-Agency Committee since 1996. Dr. Clyne has an extensive history in pediatric medicine, and holds multiple degrees and two State medical licenses.

- Joseph Cohen, MD
Chief Medical Examiner, Riverside County Coroner's Bureau (California).

Dr. Cohen has several years of experience serving on child death review teams.

- Edward Cotton, Private Consultant

Currently a private consultant in the child welfare field, Mr. Cotton worked for more than 25 years in state welfare systems. He has been involved with Child Death Review Teams for more than 15 years in three states. Mr. Cotton was the Administrator of Nevada DCFS from 2001-2003. Mr.

Cotton was the Director of the New Jersey Dept of Youth and Family Services from 2003 -2006.

- Teri Covington – Coordinator
Director, National Center for Child Death Review Policy and Programs.

Since 2003, Ms. Covington has managed the national center's activities including training and support to CDR programs throughout the U.S., collaborates with national organizations to further national policies in child health and safety, and manages the national reporting system for child deaths. She is also the Senior Program Director of the Michigan Public Health Institute's Child and Adolescent Health Section, and has been since 1995. In this capacity she manages a variety of programs including the Michigan Abstinence Partnership, the Child Well Being Project, Fetal/Infant Mortality Review and the Michigan Child Death Review Program. Ms. Covington has many other accomplishments including program administration, strategic planning and community development, program planning and development, and health education and community development in Michigan.

- Robert Farr – Kent County department of Social Services, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Mr. Farr has participated in the Peer Review process for five years and the Child Welfare Quality Assurance Unit for two years. He also has participated on several state level child death reviews convened quarterly.

- Eileen Hunt – Prosecuting Attorney
Deputy District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney's Office (California)

Ms. Hunt has been chair of the Riverside County Child Death Review Team since 1994. She is also a specialist in child abuse and child homicide. Since 1999, Ms. Hunt was the director of the countywide Juvenile Division, and the countywide Child Recovery Unit. She has prosecuted hundreds of cases of child abuse, child homicide, sexual assault and child neglect. She is the statewide instructor for child abuse investigations and child deaths.

- Sgt. Clay Jansson – Law Enforcement
Special Investigations Unit, Oakland County Sheriff's Office (Michigan)

Mr. Jansson has been with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office since 1976, and has been a sergeant since 1988. He has over 20 years of investigative experience, and has been a certified police instructor for 25

years. Between the years of 2001-2005, he investigated hundreds of physical child abuse cases, and has been the Officer in Charge of all child victim cases since 2001. He has served on the Michigan Governor's Task Force for the Review and Recommendations for change of the Michigan Department of Human Services' Child Protective Services Division, and Task Force for Forensic Interviewing Protocol Revision Committee.

- Gus H. Kolilis
Deputy Director, Department of Social Services, Division of Legal Services;
Chief, State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) (Missouri)

As chief of STAT, Mr. Kolilis handles the overall supervision and management of the Child Fatality Review Program and the investigation of serious child abuse and exploitation. He develops interdisciplinary support systems and provides investigative assistance for child protection professionals. He creates protocols, manuals and procedures to reflect individual and agency responsibilities for the investigation of serious children's events. He previously served as the Police Chief for the Missouri Capitol Police in the 72-acre Jefferson City Capitol Complex, and other state facilities in Cole County. He was also the Director of the State Technical Assistance Team, of which he is now the Chief. He has extensive training in firearms and tactics, and carries an impressive list of affiliations of which he is associated.

- Vincent Palusci, MS, MD – Child Abuse Pediatrics
Professor of Pediatrics, Wayne State University School of Medicine;
Medical Director, Child Protection Center (Michigan)

Dr. Palusci has served on the Michigan State Child Death Review Advisory Team since 1998, and has been the Chair of the Michigan Fatality Citizen's Review Panel since 1999. He is currently licensed in the states of Michigan and New York. He is a pediatrician who specializes in the field of child abuse pediatrics, which includes providing medical care for children with suspected abuse and neglect and reviewing cases of child fatalities.

- Gregory Schmunk, MD – Medical Examiner
Polk County Medical Examiner (Iowa)

Dr. Schmunk is a qualified, expert witness in forensic pathology including determination of cause of death and wound pattern interpretation over 300 times to date, including Municipal and Superior Courts of King and Snohomish Counties (WA), Sacramento, San Francisco, El Dorado, Lake, Yolo, Amador, Yuba and Santa Clara Counties (CA), Brown, Door, Iron, Portage, Shawano, Winnebago, Juneau, Lincoln, Manitowoc and Outagamie

Counties (WI) and Polk County (IA). He has also testified before California State Senate Committee on the Judiciary on issues of child homicide. He has performed over 3500 forensic examinations, including over 380 homicides, for multiple jurisdictions in several states. Additionally, he has performed over 120 hospital autopsies and over 150 clinical forensic examinations on assault victims.

- Steven Yager – Child Welfare
Director, Department of Human Services, Office of Family Advocate,
Department Manager

Mr. Yager is responsible for the activities of the Peer Review Team, supervises the staff on the team and also has oversight responsibilities for the activities of the Office of Family Advocates. He previously served as the Peer Review Team Leader for the Family Independency Agency, whom he was employed by since 1987. He has given several professional presentations on CDR and related subjects and has expertise in the development of child welfare policy.