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Child fatality review board meetings.

- (A) The board of county commissioners shall designate either the health commissioner that establishes the CFR board ~~or~~ a representative of the health commissioner to convene and be the chairperson of the CFR board. If a regional CFR board is established, the health commissioner appointed to establish the regional CFR board or his or her designee shall convene the CFR board meetings and be the chairperson of the CFR board. In any county that has a body acting as a CFR board on the effective date of this rule, the board of county commissioners of that county, in lieu of having a health commissioner establish a CFR board, shall appoint that body to function as the CFR board for the county. The body shall have the same duties, obligations, and protections as a CFR board appointed by the health commissioner. The board of county commissioners or an individual designated by the CFR board shall convene the body as required by section 307.624 of the Revised Code.
- (B) If a regional CFR board includes a county with more than one health district, the CFR board meeting shall be convened in that county. If more than one of the counties participating in a regional CFR board has more than one health district, the person convening the meeting shall select one of the counties containing more than one health district as the county in which to convene the CFR board meeting.
- (C) Each CFR board shall be convened at least once a year to review the deaths of all children who, at the time of death, were residents of the county or, in the case of a regional board, were residents of one of the participating counties.
- (D) If a child dies in an Ohio county other than the child's county of residence, the review shall be conducted in accordance with this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, the CFR board with jurisdiction over the county of residence shall be referred to as the lead CFR board. The CFR board with jurisdiction over the county in which the child died shall be referred to as the secondary CFR board.
- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (D)(2) of this rule, the lead CFR board shall conduct the child death review;
 - (2) The lead CFR board may delegate the responsibility for conducting a child death review to the secondary CFR board if the lead CFR board and the secondary CFR board both agree that the secondary CFR board will conduct the review;
 - (3) The lead and secondary CFR boards shall cooperate with each other to make relevant information available for the review. The CFR board which conducts the review shall provide a complete copy of the review to the CFR board not conducting the review;

- (4) Regardless of which CFR board conducts the review, only the lead CFR board shall include the review information in its annual report to the department.

- (E) Meetings of CFR boards established under section 307.621 of the Revised Code shall not be considered public meetings and, as such, are not subject to section 121.22 of the Revised Code.