



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER**

401 E Street, S.W.

**CHILD FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Meeting**

There were 29 attendees:

**CFRC Members:**

Judy Meltzer (CSSP)	Dr. Kristinza Giese, MD (OCME)
Elizabeth Wieser (OAG)	Dr. Cheryl Williams, MD (Community)
Sgt. Keith Batton (MPD)	Andrea Allen (DCPS)
Marie Cohen (Community)	Colleen Sonosky (DHCF)
Theresa Early (DHS)	Erin Cullen (OAG)
Debbie Allen (DBH)	Dr. Khandra Tyler-Bynum, MD (DYRS)
Aleazor Taylor (DCFEMS)	Rachel Paletta (CSSP)
Hon. Jennifer DiToro (DC Court)	Dr. Inez Reeves, MD (HUH)
Dr. Dawn Sherman (CFSA)	Hon. Brianne Nadeau (DC City Council)
Antonio Nunes (DC City Council)	Adina Levi (DYRS)
Elizabeth Muffoletto (CFSA)	

**Invited Guest Attendee**

Victoria Glick (OSSE)	Claudia Price (OSSE)
Chaz Kohlrieser (DBH)	Dan Passon (DC City Council)

**CFRC Staff:**

Jenna Beebe-Aryee (OCME)	Katherine Barnes (OCME)
Jacqueline Corbin-Armstrong (OCME)	Jessica Edwards (OCME)

**Open Meeting (recorded)**

**I. Greetings and Introductions**

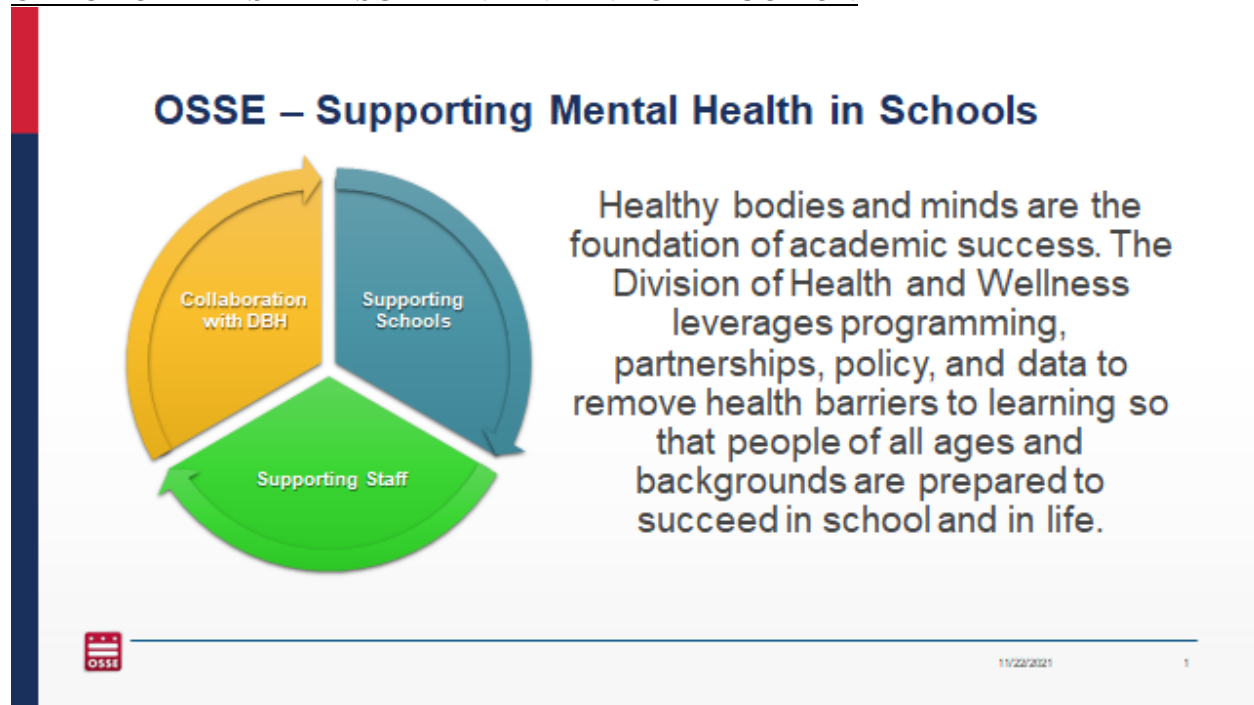
The meeting opened at 10:25am with Co-chairs, Dr. Kristinza Giese and Theresa Early providing opening remarks, an overview of the agenda and introductions. Roll call for the open portion of the meeting was conducted.

- The CFRC voted to approve the Agenda for today's meeting with one amendment- to change the order of cases to be reviewed during the closed session to allow the invited guest to share information regarding the decedent

with the committee.

- No members of the public requested attendance at the open portion of the meeting or were present.
- The open portion of the **October 21, 2021** minutes were reviewed and accepted with no amendments or corrections.
- Two presentations regarding mental health services provided to school age students were presented by Claudia Price-Project Aware Coordinator (OSSE) and Chaz Kohlrieser- Program Manager, School Behavioral Health Expansion (DBH).

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



**OSSE – Supporting Mental Health in Schools**

Healthy bodies and minds are the foundation of academic success. The Division of Health and Wellness leverages programming, partnerships, policy, and data to remove health barriers to learning so that people of all ages and backgrounds are prepared to succeed in school and in life.

The graphic features a circular diagram with three segments: 'Collaboration with DBH' (yellow), 'Supporting Schools' (blue), and 'Supporting Staff' (green), each with an arrow pointing clockwise. The OSSE logo is in the bottom left, and the date '11/22/2021' and page number '1' are in the bottom right.

## OSSE – Supporting Mental Health in Schools



- **Supporting Schools**
  - OSSE School Mental Health Guidelines
  - Safe and Supportive Schools Resources
  - Responding to a School Crisis Resources
- **Supporting Staff**
  - Suicide Prevention Training and Curriculum
  - Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training
  - Educator Wellness
- **Collaboration with Department of Behavioral Health**
  - Administer DC Project AWARE program
  - Support the DC School Behavioral Health Community of Practice
  - Promote *Support DC Youth Training Compliance*



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### THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## DBH Child and Youth Services Division

- The Department of Behavioral Health is building a system of care for children, youth and their families that supports prevention and early identification of behavioral health needs, and provides community based treatment and supports that are able to meet multiple and changing needs. We are guided by the principles that services must be easy to access, culturally and linguistically competent, and family-driven and youth-guided.
- A range of treatment and support services for children, youth and their families are available, including specialized evidence-based practices for youth and families recovering from trauma, emergency care and ongoing treatment primarily through certified, community based mental health providers. Ongoing treatment includes individual, group, and family counseling, diagnostic assessment medication management, and family support. In addition, community based providers are certified to provide substance use disorder treatment. The Department also operates a children's clinic, provides services in public and public charter schools, and manages an alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention and awareness campaign called Drug Free Youth DC.

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# The Coordinating Council on School Behavioral Health

- The Comprehensive Plan to Expand Early Childhood and School-Based Behavioral Health Services, developed by the former Interagency Behavioral Health Working Group, established a coordinating council to guide implementation of the plan.
- The charge and purpose of the Coordinating Council on School Behavioral Health is to hold agencies and participating stakeholders accountable for timely implementation of the expanded School-based Behavioral Health System.

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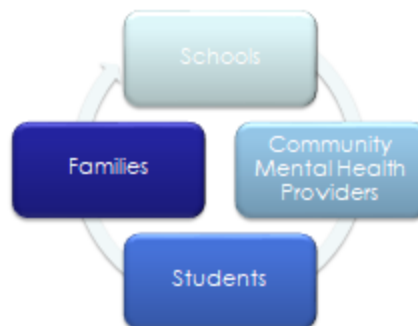
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## The District's School Behavioral Health Expansion

The goal of the District's Expansion of School-based Behavioral Health is to advance a **comprehensive** and **coordinated** school behavioral health system, which is a strategic collaboration between:

- School Personnel
- Community Mental Health Providers
- Students
- Families

This collaboration seeks to create a **positive school culture** that provides timely access to **high-quality, reliable supports** for youth and their families.



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- The open portion of the meeting closed at 11:27 am.