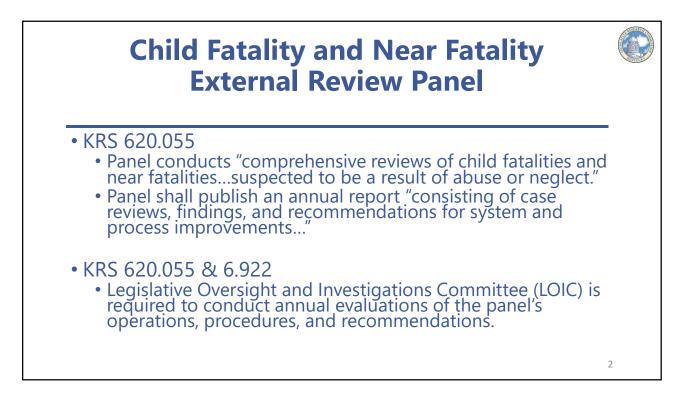
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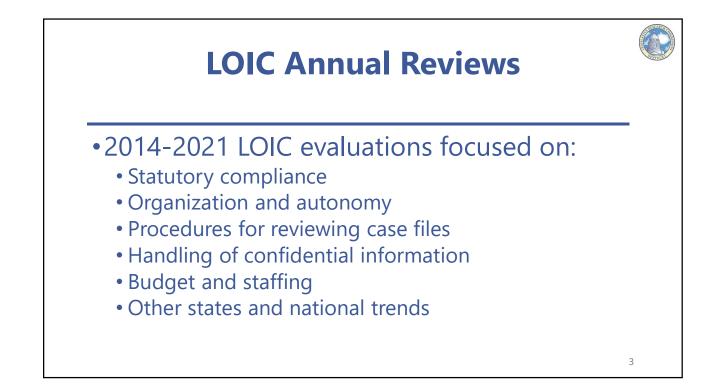


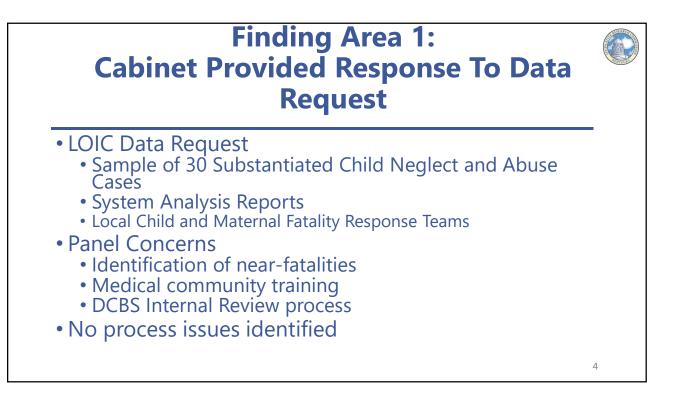
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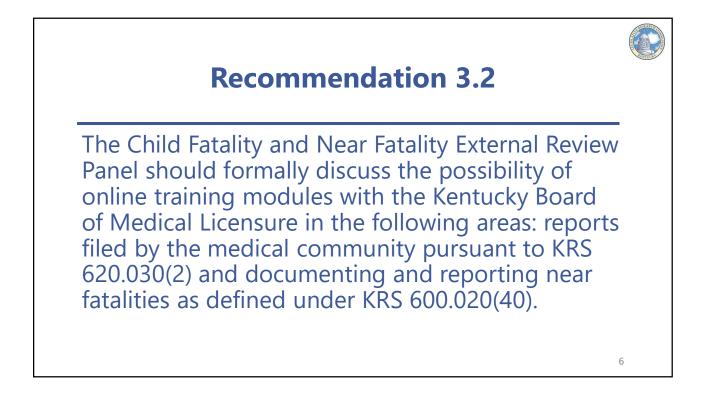
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The Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel should address its concerns and ideas for improvement with the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) more formally through panel workgroups and/or annual report recommendations in the following areas: intake of reports filed by the medical community under KRS 620.030(2); DCBS's use of the Near-Fatality Criteria and Determination Flow Chart; training for the medical community related to reporting allegations of abuse and neglect; and DCBS's internal review process.

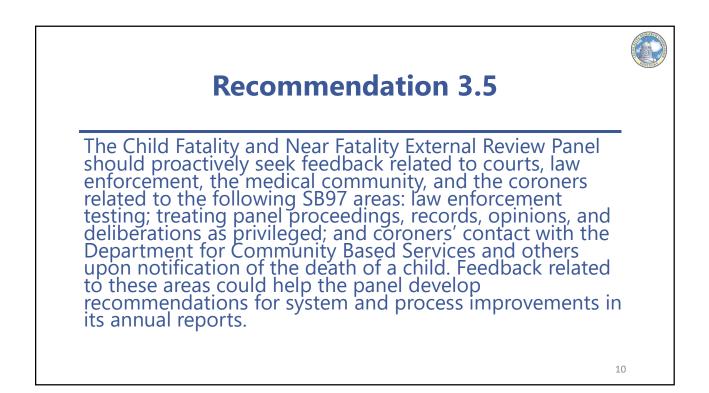


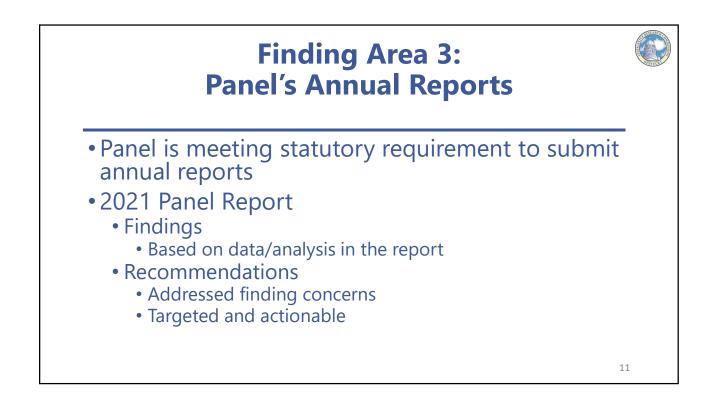
The Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel should contact the Department for Community Based Services and discuss the feasibility of using existing pediatric forensic medicine contracts to provide additional training to the medical community, which may require a contract modification to increase the number of hours available for training.

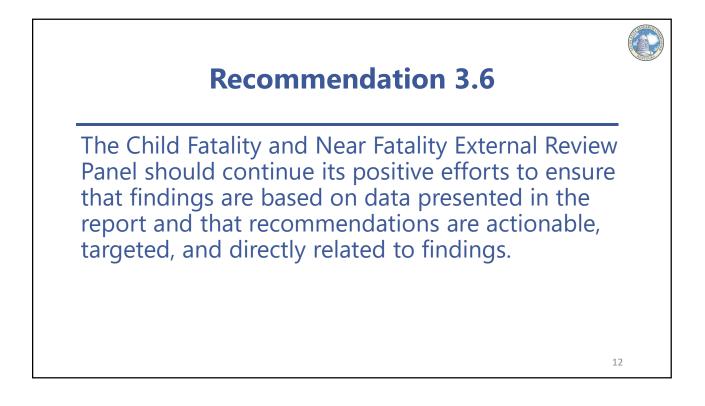
#### Finding Area 2: Panel Is Implementing Senate Bill 97 (Regular Session 2022)

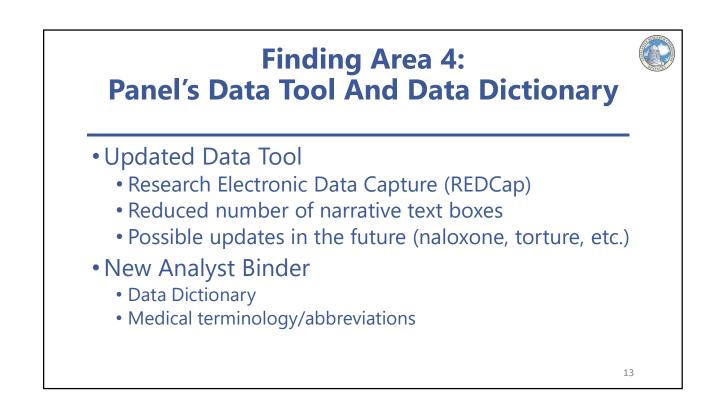
- 2022 RS SB 97 amended KRS Ch. 620 and KRS Ch. 72 in several areas
  - Drug/alcohol testing of child supervisor at time of incident
  - Changed panel report due date to Feb. 1 of each year
  - Agency notification and response of panel recommendations
  - Made panel proceedings, records, opinions, and deliberations privileged
  - Coroners must notify immediately instead of as soon as practicable
  - Expanded panel membership

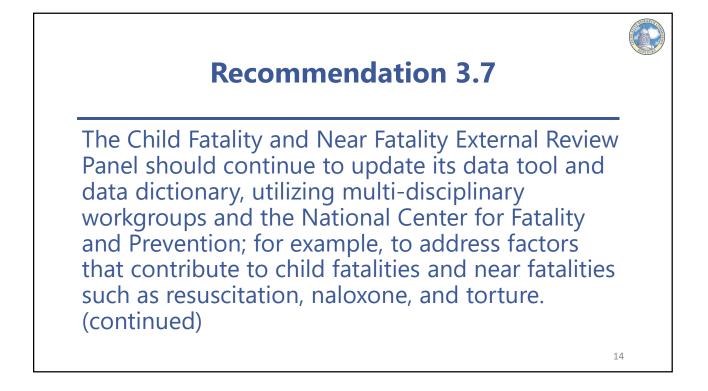
The Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel should follow through with its idea to hold a spring 2023 meeting to discuss Senate Bill 97 implementation and other issues if needed.











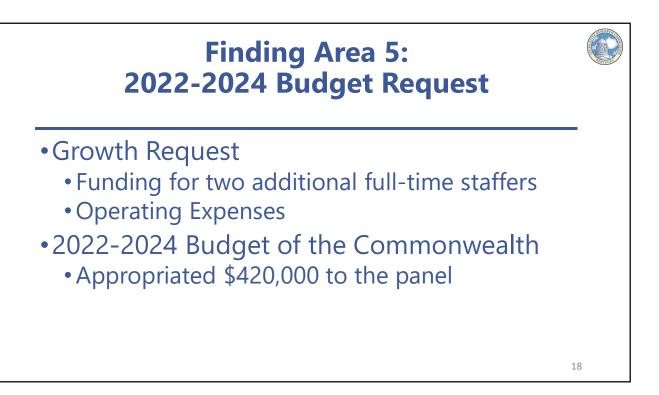
### Recommendation 3.7 (continued)

The panel should also periodically review entries in "Other" and comment text boxes to identify common entries that may be beneficial to add in its multiple choice data field options.

#### Finding Area 5: Panel's Appropriation and Budget

- Administratively attached to Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
- \$420,000 appropriated in 2014-2016 Budget of the Commonwealth
- 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Finding Area 5: Panel Expenditures 2015-2022				(
Fiscal Year	Personnel Expenditures	Operating Expenditures	Total Expenditures	-
2015	\$212,582	\$6,946	\$219,528	
2016	267,004	21,198	288,202	
2017	213,259	56,289	269,547	
2018	141,943	7,671	149,614	
2019	185,345	3,611	188,955	
2020	275,117	6,511	281,628	
2021	245,261	2,206	247,467	
2022	293,852	2,207	296,055	
Total	\$1,834,363	\$106,634	\$1,940,997	
Source: eMARS, Exp	enditure Analysis Report-F/	AS		17



The Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel and the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet should update the existing memorandum of understanding to reflect current budgetary and expenditure procedures. The memorandum of understanding should include written guidance related to the panel's biennial budget requests and expenditures.

