



Learning from the past to protect the future.

**Alabama Department of Public Health
“DRAFT” State Team Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, AL
April 20, 2017**

State Team Members:

Harold Brown (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept of Human Resources)
Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Thomas Miller, M.D.- State Health Officer)
Michael Taylor, M.D. (UAB Dept of Pediatrics, Child Abuse Pediatrics Division)
Sheriff Bobby Timmons (AL Sheriff’s Association)
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)
Lt. Will Wright (Proxy-ALEA Dept of Public Safety)

Conference Call:

Reverend Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy)
Timothy Kimbrell (AL Coroner’s Association)
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner James Perdue-AL Department of Mental Health)
Marian Loftin (Private Citizen)
Sallye Longshore (Private Citizen)
Melissa Peters, M.D. (Children’s Hospital)
Bill Yates (Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.- Jefferson County Coroner/Medical Examiner)

Guests/Staff:

Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff)
Christy Cain (AL Children First)
Nick Carter (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Christina Cochran, M.D. (Children’s Hosp)
Jamey Durham (ADPH Staff)
Joshlynn Edwards (ADPH Staff)
Patricia Falcon (Barrie Center for Children)
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)
Stuart Hoyle(ADPH Staff)
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)
Melanie Lunsford-Johnson (ADPH Staff)
David Rydzewski, M.D. (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Xuejun Shen (ADPH Staff)
Brian Warren (Walker DA Office)

Call to Order

On April 20, 2016, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Aretha Bracy.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Ms. Aretha Bracy welcomed everyone and introductions were made by members in attendance and via telephone.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Ms. Bracy reported three vacant seats including representatives for the Alabama Department of Forensic Science, the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Specialist and the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 19, 2017 meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

Case Status and Team Performance Report

Ms. Bracy provided an overview of the local review process and reported on the team activity and performance for 2013 with a 76% case completion rate. The 2013 annual report should be completed by September. Year 2014 has a 39% case completion rate with 105 cases completed and 2015 has an 11% case completion rate.

Teen Driver Safety Summits

Ms. Joshlynn Edwards reported on the locations and dates for the 2017 #UrKeys2Drv Event. Ms. Edwards also reported on the number of schools registered for the Selma and Daphne events as well as format of each of these events.

CPS Clinics

Ms. Edwards also reported on the child passenger safety clinics held at five fitting stations throughout the state. Eligible families will continue to receive free child restraints and will be provided education on proper installation by CPS technicians. Ms. Edwards also mentioned that CPS certification training will also be held in October for newly hired staff members as well as staff members that need to be recertified.

Child Death Investigations Training

There will be three one day trainings in June for Law Enforcement Officials, District Attorneys, and Coroners/Medical Examiners. Seating will be available for 45-50 participants with an overflow area available for additional participants.

New Business

Legislative Update

Ms. Christy Cain reported on the Day Care Licensing Bill. Currently ½ of day cares in the state are licensed and the bill requires all day cares to be licensed. Also, under the bill exempt day care facilities would still have to comply with health and safety requirements. Ms. Cain also reported that the Children First Trust Fund Bill as well as the Enhanced GDL Bill has passed the House and the Senate. Ms. Cain also mentioned that the General Fund Budget has \$100 million set aside for funding for CHIP.

Local Team Coordinator Presentations

Patricia Falcon's reported on her review team's 100% case completion rate with a total of 114 registered cases. Ms. Falcon also discussed the importance of collaborating among various disciplines and described her team's review process. Her team consists of representatives from DHR, Public Health and Law Enforcement. Her team also has medical professionals to assist with terminology.

Alabama Child Abuse Medical System

Dr. Michael Taylor provided team members with child death statistics. Dr. Taylor reported that accidents (motor vehicles) are the leading causes of death. He also reported that the leading causes of infant deaths are congenital abnormalities.

Center for Health Statistics Presentations

Ms. Xuejen Shen provided an overview of Alabama child abuse. Ms. Shen reported that 1% of children in the state are abused. She also reported that 3% of children are maltreated and about 2/3 of maltreated children never get reported. Ms. Shen mentioned that less neglect gets reported while more physical and sexual abuse gets reported.

2017 Meeting Dates

- Thursday, July 20, 2017 (conference call)
- Thursday, September 14, 2017

Open Discussion

Ms. Melanie Lunsford-Johnson provided an overview of the new Alabama Violent Death Reporting System (AVDRS) and mentioned how similar it was to CDR with the exception that the AVDRS accounts for all ages but only looks at a few specific manners/causes of death.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.