

**Alabama Child Death Review System  
State Team Meeting Minutes  
Montgomery, AL  
October 18, 2012**

**State Team Members Present:**

Scott Belton (Proxy-Michael Sparks)  
Sue Ash (Proxy-Nancy Buckner)  
Dr. Stephen Boudreau  
Marc Boyd (Proxy-Colonel Hugh McCall)  
Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Jim McClendon)  
Richard Burleson (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson)  
Steve Lafreniere (Proxy-Jim Reddoch)  
Marian Loftin  
J.R. Sample  
Gina South  
Dr. Michael Taylor  
Jerry Williams

**Guests/Staff Present:**

Bob Hinds  
Debra Hodges  
Lisa Reid  
Theresa Wilson  
Dr. Albert Woolbright

**Call to Order**

On October 18, 2012, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Richard Burleson.

**Welcome Members and Guests**

Mr. Burleson welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

**Old Business**

**State Team Membership Update**

Mr. Burleson reported that all state team vacancies are currently filled.

**Approval of Past Minutes**

The minutes for the October 10, 2011, January 19, 2012, and July 12, 2012 meetings, and May 17, 2012 conference call could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

## **SCDRT Recommendations**

The final draft set of Team Recommendations were reviewed and discussed but could not be approved because a quorum was not present. They will need to be approved before the next ACDRS Report is published.

## **Case Status Update**

Ms. Bracy reported on the Case Status Report and Team Performance for 2008, 2009, and 2010. The case completion rate has increased for 2008 and 2009 and the staff continues to make contact with and provide assistance to local review team coordinators for the 2010 case completion.

## **2012 Training Conference**

Mr. Burlison reported that the 2012 Training Conference held in Birmingham in July was well attended and the material presented was well received by conference participants.

## **ACDRS Annual Report**

The Annual Report for completed 2008 and 2009 data is projected to be complete by the end of year. The data crosswalk project is complete and CDR staff continues to work with the analysts so that program data from 2000 forward is in one database.

## **New Business**

### **COIIN – SIDS/SUID Team**

Ms. Bracy presented an overview on COIIN (Collaborative Improvement and Innovative Network), a national initiative with thirteen states in Regions IV and VI whose focus is on the reduction of infant mortality. Alabama has selected five areas of focus and Ms. Bracy is a co-lead for the Safe Infant Sleep strategic action team and will provide updates as they are available.

### **CPSC Recalls and ATV Investigations**

Dr. Deborah Hodges with the Injury Prevention Branch presented findings where four staff people conducted undercover investigations to purchase ATVs from merchants in Montgomery and surrounding counties. The report is available to any interested members.

### **AAP Teen Driving Toolkits**

Mr. Burlison reported that advocates for safe teen driving attended the press conference for the kick-off of the AAP Teen Driving Toolkits created for pediatricians to address safe teen driving issues with their patients. Advocates feel that pediatricians can effectively impact some of their patients' decisions as young drivers.

## **CFF Annual Retreat**

Mr. Burleson attended the Children First Foundation's annual board retreat and presented the board with CDR updates. The Children First Foundation's board members asked several questions and congratulated Mr. Burleson in the accomplishments of the CDR program.

## **Funding and Staffing**

Mr. Burleson reported that staff changes continue as well as anticipated budget cuts to services. Despite these cuts, CDR has acquired one full time and a partial staff person for the next fiscal year.

## **GLS Youth Suicide Prevention Grant**

First time funding has been awarded to Injury Prevention from the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grant. The grant will provide funding for three years for statewide youth suicide prevention activities and staff to handle administrative and programmatic areas.

## **Tentative 2013 Meeting Dates**

- Thursday, January 17, 2013
- Thursday, April 18, 2013
- Thursday, July 18, 2013
- Thursday, October 17, 2013

## **Open Discussion**

Alabama's new 2011 data has the lowest teen pregnancy, teen births, abortions, and homicide rates.

## **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.