

# Learning from the past to protect the future. Alabama Child Death Review System State Team Meeting Minutes April 17, 2014

# **State Team Members Present:**

Sue Ash (Proxy Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept. of Human Resources) Scott Belton (Proxy Michael Sparks-AL Dept. of Forensic Sciences) Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson-State Health Officer) Bill Franklin (AL Sheriff's Association Representative) Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy) James Henderson (AL Academy of Family Physicians) Johnny Long (Proxy-Gregory Davis-Jefferson Co. Medical Examiner) Christy Mehaffey (Private Citizen) John R. Sample (Private Citizen) Bobby Timmons (AL Sheriff's Association Appointee) Tim Whitehead (AL Coroner's Association) Jerry Williams (Private Citizen) Dale Wisely, Ph.D. (Private Citizen)

# **Conference Call:**

Michele Jones (ADPH Staff) Bradley Kendrick (AL Association of Chiefs of Police) William King (Private Citizen) Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Jim Reddoch) Marian Loftin (Private Citizen) Kathy Monroe, M.D. (Medical Association of the State of AL) Gina South (AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers) Debra Williams, M.D. (AL Academy of Pediatrics) Ernest Wood (Private Citizen)

## **Guests/Staff Present:**

Folashade Ayanwale (ADPH Staff) Wendy Caraway (ADPH Staff) Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff) Debra Hodges, Ph.D. (ADPH Staff) Theresa Lawson (ADPH Staff) Janice Smiley (ADPH Staff) Alton Stone (ADPH Staff)

# Call to Order

On April 17, 2014, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Richard Burleson.

## Welcome of Members and Guests

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

## Old Business

## State Team Membership Update

Mr. Burleson reported that there is a full list of team members with no gaps. Dr. Melissa Peters, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital, has filled the vacancy for a health professional with child abuse expertise.

## Approval of Past Minutes

The minutes for the January 16, 2014 meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

#### Case Status Update

Mr. Burleson reported that we are closing out the 2010 and 2011 cases. Most teams have completed cases but have not entered them. Coordinators had a deadline of April 16, 2014. Ms. Bracy met with several coordinators prior to the deadline. Approximately 20 teams have outstanding cases for 2010.

# CollN Update

CoIIN is set to wrap up August 2014. NCH block grant initiatives will still continue.

# SADD Update

Ms. Ayanwale will coordinate a state-wide conference for SADD to be held at Auburn Montgomery campus on May 1, 2014.ABC board; Choice Bus and Council on Substance Abuse are set to make presentations. StateFarm provided the funding and will award monies to SADD again for fiscal year 2014-2015. DOT continues to promise funds for the SADD program, contract is in place.

#### New Business

Biennial Training Conference is scheduled for September 16-18, 2014 at the Perdido Beach Resort.

Child Passenger Clinic administered by Alabama Head Injury Foundation through ADPH is continuing as usual, however the administering entity will solely be ADPH soon. AHIF organization has begun to downsize and cannot administer program without an administrative fee. AHIF is scheduled to train ADPH staff on administrative duties before the end of July.

Dr. Debra Hodges made a presentation regarding School Violence. She spoke about the trends in School Violence and "Measures to Prevent School Shootings."

# Tentative 2014 Meeting Dates

- Thursday, July 24, 2014\* (conference call meeting)
- Thursday, September 18, 2014\* (last day of Biennial Training Conference)

# **Open Discussion**

## Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

# <u>Adjourn</u>

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