

Learning from the past to protect the future. Alabama Department of Public Health State Team Meeting Minutes Montgomery, AL July 24th, 2014 Conference Call Meeting

State Team Members Present:

Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Jim McClendon- Chair of House Health Committee)

Richard Burleson (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson- State Health Officer)

Conference Call:

Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy)
James Henderson, M.D. (AL Academy of Family Medicine)
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)
Bradley Kendrick (AL Association of Chiefs of Police)
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner Jim Reddoch- AL Dept. of Mental Health)
Marian Loftin (Private Citizen)
Johnny Long (Proxy-Dr. Gregory Davis)
Christy Mehaffey (Private Citizen)
Kathy Monroe, M.D. (Medical Association of the State of AL)
Melissa Peters, M.D. (Health Professional w/expertise in child abuse/neglect-AL Dept. of Public Health)
Tim Whitehead (AL Coroner's Association)
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)

Guests/Staff Present:

Folashade Ayanwale (ADPH Staff) Theresa Lawson (ADPH Staff) Albert Woolbright (ADPH Staff)

Call to Order

On July 24, 2014, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Department of Public Health conference room 980 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. Bracy welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Ms. Bracy reported that there are no vacancies on the State Team at this time.

Approval of Past Minutes

The minutes for the January16, 2014 and April 17, 2014 could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

Case Status Update

The 2010-2011 report is being prepared by University of Alabama and should be available at the Biennial Training Conference at Perdido Beach. The 2012 cases are due April 1, 2015 and 2013 cases are due April 1, 2016.

CollN Update

Ms. Bracy reported that a "Safe Infant Sleep" webinar about current policies and environmental strategies was viewed by a number of practitioners and educators. Hospitals have responded deciding on policies and "best practices" which will be added to their annual competencies. A statement is being developed for doctors to create three-to-four step guidelines on Safe Infant Sleep.

SADD Update

Ms. Ayanwale spoke about the successes of the SADD state conference on May 1st, 2014 at Auburn Montgomery University. Approximately 75 students and faculty from around the state were in attendance. Students from Alabama's SADD chapters were recognized nationally at Student Leadership Council conference in Washington, D.C on June 23-27.

New Business

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

ADPH has taken the administrative duties of the Child Passenger Safety Clinic from Alabama Head Injury Foundation. ADPH will be in charge of ordering, auditing and maintaining all of the records for the Child Passenger Safety Clinics around the state. The ordering of car seats must go through the Comptroller's office and go out for bid according to state guidelines. ADPH and AHIF are the process of transferring records and ADPH will be in full functionality by October 1st.

Tentative 2014 Meeting Dates

Thursday, September 18, 2014* (last day of Biennial Training Conference)

Open Discussion

Open discussion involved many state members discussing the lack of case completion in many areas.

Solutions:

- a. Press conference
- b. Present to State Health Officer

c. Present to Governor

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.