

**Alabama Child Death Review System
State Team Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2010**

State Team Members Present:

Sue Ash (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner)
Kelley Parris-Barnes
Dr. Stephen Boudreau (Proxy-Michael Sparks)
Corporal Marc Boyd (Proxy-Colonel F.A. Bingham)
Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Mike Millican)
Richard Burleson (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson)
Cathy Crabtree
Dr. A.Z. Holloway
Dr. Bill King
Sheriff Herbie Johnson
Steve Lafreniere (Proxy-Commissioner John Houston)
Johnny Long (Proxy-Dr. Robert Brissie)
Christy Mehaffey
J.J. Moody
Dr. Cheryl Outland
Dianne Sims (Proxy-Senator Linda Coleman)
Dr. Karl Stegall
Sheriff Bobby Timmons
Dr. Dale Wisely

Guests/Staff Present:

Theresa Wilson

Call to Order

On October 21, 2010, at 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. Burleson welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance. New members attending their first meeting were J.J. Moody, Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers representative and Corporal Marc Boyd, Alabama Department of Public Safety representative.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Mr. Burleson reported that the Department of Forensic Science had a recent vacancy due to the resignation of Dr. Kenneth Snell. He also encouraged suggestions from team members regarding the vacancy of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Specialist position.

Approval of Past Minutes

A quorum of members being present, the minutes for the May 27, 2010, meeting and the July 22, 2010, conference call were approved as written.

Case Status Team Performance Update

Mr. Burleson reported on the positive response and success of the first cases beginning with 2008 data entered in the new online data system.

Safe Teen Driving Campaign

Mr. Burleson announced the positive responses received for the Safe Teen Driving Campaign launched in August to address Alabama's high rate of teen driver fatalities. The campaign included 30 second theatrical ads that ran statewide the month of August, brochures for statewide dissemination, and an issue-specific website. Dr. Wisely reported that ongoing coverage continues in the Birmingham area as well as requests for school-based teen driving talks.

Regional Training Sessions

The ACDRS staff recently completed six one-day regional training sessions for local team members. The one-day regional trainings replaced the 2½ day trainings held biennially. Mr. Burleson reported that the structure of future training for local team members may be adjusted to meet the needs of individual teams.

New Business

Mr. Burleson reported on the completion of the 2010 Annual Report for 2007 data and presented a listing of scheduled conferences and presentations. He encouraged state team members to begin thinking about revisions to the Governor Recommendations with a specific focus on the two leading preventable causes of deaths, vehicular and sleep related deaths. Dr. Stephen Boudreau would continue to serve as Commissioner Michael Sparks' representative and efforts would be made to contact Commissioner Sparks regarding the vacancy.

Jefferson County Pilot Project Update – Kelley Parris-Barnes

Kelley Parris-Barnes gave an overview and update on the Jefferson County Pilot Project. The Project's focus is the reduction of preventable child deaths from birth to age three through coordination of existing services and organizations. Ms. Parris-Barnes expressed how pleased she was with the progression of the pilot project and she would update the state team periodically on the project's status.

2011 Children First Foundation Priorities – Christy Mehaffey

Christy Mehaffey presented an overview of the Children First Foundation and she reported their top priority for the upcoming legislative session is to monitor and protect the funding for the Children First Foundation. Ms. Mehaffey also mentioned that the infant death investigation bill would be re-introduced in the next session. A more general discussion of other legislative issues followed.

2011 ACDRS Budget and Priorities

Mr. Burleson gave a brief overview of the 2011 ACDRS budget, still pending final review, and spelled out the fiscal year's anticipated priorities which include a focused safe infant sleep campaign, more site visits with direct training for new DAs and Coordinators, and replenishing the stock of printed outreach materials in addition to routine annual expenses.

2011 Proposed Meeting Dates

The tentative meeting dates for 2011 were shared, as follows:

- Thursday, January 20
- Thursday, April 21
- Thursday, July 21
- Thursday, October 20

Unless otherwise specified/changed later, all meetings are planned for 1-4 PM at AIDT in Montgomery.

Open Discussion

No other specific issues were brought up for consideration.

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.