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**Alabama Department of Public Health  
State Team Meeting Minutes  
Montgomery, AL  
July 16, 2015  
Conference Call Meeting**

**State Team Members Present:**

**Conference Call:**

Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson-State Health Officer)  
Christy Cain (Private Citizen)  
Sheriff Bill Franklin (AL Sheriff's Association)  
James Henderson, M.D. (AL Academy of Family Physicians)  
Timothy Kimbrell (AL Coroner's Association)  
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner Jim Perdue-AL Dept. of Mental Health)  
Marian Loftin (Private Citizen)  
Sallye Longshore (Private Citizen)  
Kathy Monroe, M.D. (Medical Association AL)  
Commissioner Jim Perdue (AL Dept. of Mental Health)  
Melissa Peters, M.D. (Children's Hospital of AL)  
Gina South (AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers)  
Debra Williams, M.D. (AL Academy of Pediatrics)  
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)  
Ernest Wood, M.D. (Private Citizen)

**Guests/Staff Present:**

Folashadé Ayanwale (ADPH Staff)  
Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff)  
Wendy Caraway (ADPH Staff)  
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)  
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)  
Cathy Molchan (ADPH Staff)

**Call to Order**

On July 16, 2015, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Department of Public Health conference room 944 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 those in attendance.

## **Old Business**

### **State Team Membership Update**

Ms. Bracy reported that all state team member positions are filled and introduced the new team members present for their first meeting: Ms. Sallye Longshore who was appointed by Governor Robert Bentley to replace Mr. John R. Sample and Commissioner Jim Perdue replacing Commissioner Jim Reddoch to represent the Department of Mental Health. Absent state team members recently appointed are Mr. Chris Newlin appointed by Governor Bentley to replace Dr. Dale Wisely; Senator Gerald Dial to replace Senator Gregory Reed as Chair of the State Senate Health Committee; Commissioner April Weaver to replace Commissioner Jim McClendon as Chair of the State House of Representatives. Governor Bentley reappointed Marian Loftin, Jerry Williams, and Rev. Joseph Godfrey to serve as private citizen appointees. Ms. Bracy thanked the members ending their service on the State team.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the April 16, 2015 meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

### **ACDRS Annual Report**

Ms. Bracy reported on the production Report for 2012 data and that CDR staff is working with staff members at the University of Alabama to produce the annual report. The final copy will be sent to the Governor, legislators, state team members, district attorneys, local coordinators, and will be available on the website.

### **Case Status Update**

Ms. Bracy provided a brief history of the local review process for new members. She also reported on team activity and performance for the years 2010-2012.

### **SADD Update**

Ms. Ayanwale provided updates on SADD activities to include:

- Attended June 28-July 2 and was able to converse with national Staff
- Chapter fees for "SADD Strong" might change membership status and participation
- Learned of individual funding opportunities for local chapters
- Applying for funding in the fall through State Farm
- National initiative "Celebrate My Drive"
- Planning for State Conferences in 2016

### **Urkeys2drive Update**

Ms. Ayanwale discussed the upcoming #URKEYS2DRV event in Huntsville, Alabama on September 30, 2015 and is planning for next year's events (possibly six sites).

## **CPS Clinics**

- Budget is dwindling fast (which is good)
- Influx of fittings from all five stations
- DHR and other agencies requesting training modules
- More referrals from other agencies

## **New Business**

### **Legislative Updates**

Ms. Christy Cain provided an overview of the climate at the legislature and all indications suggested that the Governor would call a special session later in the summer.

### **Tentative 2015 Meeting Dates**

The next and final meeting for the year is Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 1:00 PM at the usual meeting facility, AIDT.

### **Open Discussion**

Ms. Bracy reminded the State Team that the 2016 Biennial Training Conference plans would begin upon budget approval.

### **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.