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**Alabama Department of Public Health  
State Team Meeting Minutes  
Montgomery, AL  
April 19, 2018**

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**State Team Members:**

Scott Belton (Proxy-Director Michael Sparks- AL Dept Forensic Sciences)  
Christina Cochran, M.D. (Children's Hospital)  
Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy)  
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner Lynn Beshear- AL Dept Mental Health)  
Sallye Longshore (Private Citizen)  
Katie Beth McCarthy (AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers)  
Marsha Raulerson, M.D. (AL Academy of Pediatrics)  
David Rydzewski, M.D. (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)  
Michael Taylor, M.D. (UAB Dept of Peds Child Abuse Peds Division)  
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)  
Bill Yates (Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.- Jefferson County Coroner/Medical Examiner)  
Rhonda Brooks (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept Human Resources)  
Lieutenant Will Wright (AL Dept Public Safety) (Proxy-Director Charles Ward)  
Sheriff Bobby Timmons (AL Sheriff's Association)

**Guests/Staff:**

Gloria Davis (ADPH Staff)  
Christy deGraffenried (Children First)  
Carrea Dye (ADPH Staff)  
Joshlynn Edwards (ADPH Staff)  
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)  
Stuart Hoyle (ADPH Staff)  
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)

## **Call to Order**

On April 19, 2018, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Carrea Dye.

## **Welcome of Members and Guests**

Ms. Dye welcomed everyone and introductions were made by members in attendance and via conference call.

## **State Team Membership Update**

Ms. Dye reported four vacant seats which included two private citizens appointed by the governor, a representative for the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, and a health professional with expertise in child abuse/neglect. Dr. Candice Dye from Children's Hospital of Alabama was recommended to serve on the team as a health professional with expertise in child abuse/neglect.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the meetings held on July 20 and October 19, 2017, could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

## **ACDRS 2013 Annual Report**

Ms. Dye reported that the 2013 Annual Report is now complete with 65% of cases reviewed.

## **Case Status and Team Performance Report**

Ms. Dye reported on the team activity and performance for 2014 with 269 qualifying cases and a 59% case completion rate. Year 2015 has 271 qualifying cases with a 42% case completion rate and 2016 has a 5% case completion rate with 292 qualifying cases.

## **Local Team Perspective**

Mr. Jerry Williams discussed the organization and functions of a local team. Mr. Williams reported that local teams function by taking one case at a time, reviewing that case for approximately thirty minutes and formulating recommendations. Mr. Williams also reported that the DA is responsible for organizing the team and that the local team consists of coroners, medical examiners, law enforcement, health care providers, DHR, ADPH, family court and educators.

## **Teen Driver Safety Summits**

Ms. Joshlynn Edwards provided team members with an overview of the State Farm sponsored teen driving summits, #UrKeys2Drv. Ms. Edwards also reported on the locations and dates for the 2018 #UrKeys2Drv Events.

## **CPS Clinics**

Ms. Edwards reported on the child passenger safety clinics held at five fitting stations throughout the state. Eligible families will continue to receive free child restraints and will be provided education on proper installation by CPS technicians.

## **Legislative Update**

Mrs. Christy deGraffenried discussed how the Day Care Bill will allow DHR to inspect facilities if they have cause. Mrs. deGraffenried also reported on the Juvenile Justice Reform Bill supported by Children First. The passage of the act will save money while getting help for kids with substance abuse issues. Mrs. deGraffenried also reported that there is a \$150 million shortfall and that the money set aside from the oil spill will not solve the state's budget problem.

## **National Fatality Review Case Reporting System Update**

Ms. Dye reported that the SUIDI Trainings will increase to two days. The number of trainings will also increase from three to six. Ms. Dye also reported on the locations of the trainings which include Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, Auburn, and Huntsville. The training will feature role play and doll re-enactment and will be conducted by retired Major Connie Shingledecker.

## **2018 Biennial Training Conference Recommendations**

Team members agreed to postpone the 2018 Biennial Training Conference due to staff turnover.

## **Tentative 2018 Meeting Dates**

- Thursday, July 19, 2018 (conference call)
- Thursday, October 18, 2018

## **Open Discussion**

Dr. Marsha Raulerson recommended that we try to come up with solutions to distribute car seats out to rural counties that may not have access to services.

## **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.