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**Alabama Department of Public Health
State Team Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, Alabama
Via Conference Call
July 23, 2020**

State Team Members Present for Meeting via Conference Call:

State Team Members:

Candice Dye, M.D. (UAB Pediatrics)
David Rydzewski, M.D. (Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences)
Michael Taylor, M. D. (Private Citizen, UAB Pediatrics)
Jerry Williams (Alabama Coroner's Association)
Scott Belton (Proxy for Director of Alabama Forensic Sciences)
Ilecia Cobb, M. D. (Proxy for Commissioner of Alabama Department of Mental Health)
Marsha Raulerson, M.D., FAAP (Alabama Academy of Pediatrics)
Robert Hinds (Private Citizen Appointee)
Chris Newlin (Private Citizen Appointee)
Sallye Longshore (Private Citizen Appointee)
Lynn Bius (Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Center)
Jill Lee (Alabama District Attorney's Association Representative)

Staff:

Kimberly Gordon (Proxy Dr. Harris Alabama State Health Officer, ADPH)
Gloria Davis (ADPH)
Nicole P. Lovvorn (ADPH)
Stuart Hoyle (ADPH)

Call to Order:

On July 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM via conference call hosted through ADPH/CDR Line, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Kimberly Gordon.

Welcome of Members and Guests:

Mrs. Gordon welcomed state team members and Central Office staff.

Approval of Minutes:

A quorum was not present. April 30, 2020 minutes were unable to be approved at this time.

Recurring Business

Epidemiology Updates:

Mr. Stuart Hoyle, M.P.H, spoke with the team about the current progress report. It has been delayed due to the Covid-19 outbreak, but it is currently being finalized and will be printed soon.

Local Team reviews Amid Covid-19 updates:

Mrs. Nicole Lovvorn reviewed that efforts to maintain contact with all 41 circuits remain ongoing and mostly successful. If not available by phone, most circuits are able to communicate through email. Mrs. Lovvorn advised that CDR has encouraged teams to continue to do reviews and highlighted the use of Zoom/similar sites, conference calls and reported that CDR has even offered their own conference call line to help local teams facilitate their CDR meetings. 2019 reviews are due by 10/01/2020. Mrs. Lovvorn reported that almost all circuits are in the process of scheduling their meetings. Colbert County has already completed their 2019 reviews, Mobile had their meeting on 07/08/2020. Bessemer has a Web-x teleconference scheduled for 08/14/2020 and Madison County is using CDR's teleconference line on 08/25/2020. Coffee county is planning a face to face meeting scheduled for 08/26/2020. Mrs. Lovvorn reported that most circuits are concentrating their efforts to the end of August/first of September due to Covid-19 closures and courts being behind.

New Business:

Mrs. Gordon reviewed that both the SUIDI trainings scheduled for July 2020 scheduled for August 2020 were canceled due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Mrs. Gordon announced that two new trainings for local team members and coroners would be available soon. Mrs. Gordon reported that on 08/28/2020 @ 1:00, Michelle Marty and Tara Bah with the National Children's Advocacy Center will present a training via Zoom. They will speak on "Engaging and Educating Parents on Safe Sleep and Car Safety for Their Young Children". CDR will also be hosting Dr. Brandi McCleskey from UAB on 09/04/2020 @ 1:00. She will be using ADPH's webcast system for training on "Unexplained Pediatric Deaths: Investigation, Certification, and Family Needs: Procedural Guidance and Key Considerations Developed by the National Association of Medical Examiners Panel on Sudden Unexpected Death in Pediatrics". Both will offer free CEUs. Mrs. Gordon advised that CDR is currently in the process of getting CEUs approved. Mrs. Gordon reviewed the booster seat grant with UAB. Both Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Gloria Davis praised

UAB for “thinking outside of the box”. ADPH provides car seats at no cost, but education must be provided as part of the grant. Children’s of Alabama canceled all car seat clinics due to the Covid-19 outbreak, but UAB was able to use Zoom as an educational tool for parents to be able to still receive their car seats at no cost. Mrs. Gordon also reported that the contract with Medicaid is in the process of being renewed. Mrs. Gordon reviewed that Medicaid reimburses CDR at a rate of 30% to review child deaths of those children that are Medicaid recipients. The current contract started in March 2007 and is set to expire in September 2020. The new contract will be shorter and will go from October 1, 2020 through September 30,2025. Mrs. Gordon reported that there are new resources available to local teams to address Covid-19 from the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention. They have been sent to the State and Local Teams to review.

Open Discussion:

Jerry Williams suggested that CDR obtain CEUs for coroners for the upcoming online trainings previously mentioned by Mrs. Gordon. Mrs. Gordon reported that she would complete follow up with an application for coroner CEUs.

Tentative Meeting Date:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

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.