

**Alabama Child Death Review System
State Team Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2011**

SUIDI Team Pre-meeting Update

Mr. Burleson briefed the SUIDI Team Sub-committee on the discussion from the October 13, 2011 sub-committee meeting. The sub-committee suggested to decrease the 8 hour course to 2 hours, explore distance learning opportunities, and the possibility of web-based and/or DVD options. As the SCDRT members assembled, discussion continued on options of SUIDI training for the appropriate disciplines.

State Team Members Present:

Sue Ash
Scott Belton
Dr. Stephen Boudreau (Proxy-Michael Sparks)
Corporal Marc Boyd (Proxy-Colonel Hugh McCall)
Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Jim McClendon)
Dr. Robert Brissie
Richard Burleson (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson)
Chad Harless
Dr. A.Z. Holloway
Sheriff Herbie Johnson
Steve Lafreniere (Proxy-Commissioner Zelia Baugh)
Marian Loftin
Christy Mehaffey
Dr. Kathy Monroe
J.J. Moody
Chief Ray Moore
Dr. Cheryl Outland
Kelley Parris-Barnes
Sheriff Bobby Timmons
Dr. Dale Wisely

Guests/Staff Present:

Dr. Jim McVay
Alton D. Stone
Theresa Wilson
Dr. Albert Woolbright

Call to Order

On October 20, 2011, at approximately 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. Present for the first meeting as a new member was Chad Harless, recently appointed to represent the Alabama Coroner's Association.

Old Business

Approval of Past Minutes

A quorum of members being present, the minutes for the July 21, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

State Team Membership Update

Mr. Burleson reported that Chris McCool is a new team member who represents the Alabama District Attorney's Association. Four seats will expire after this meeting and currently two Governor's appointment seats are vacant.

Case Status Update

Aretha Bracy presented the Case Status Report and Team Performance for 2008. The case completion rate has increased to 68% with cases actually entered and marked complete in the online system. The staff continues to make contact with and offer assistance to the local review team coordinators and encourage case completion.

New Business

Budget Issues

Mr. Burleson reported that there were no new changes to the Bureau's Organizational Chart since the last meeting. ACDRS did experience a \$57,000 reduction in tobacco settlement funding which would also reduce the Medicaid funding by a minimum of twenty percent.

AAP Safe Sleep Guidelines

The AAP released an enhanced version of the Infant Safe Sleep Guidelines with a stronger emphasis on bed sharing, positioning, and safe sleep environments and surfaces. The AAP continues to promote and encourage breastfeeding, as well as emphasize the safe infant sleep message.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

Mr. Burleson reported the end of the SADD Program due to the loss of ADECA funding. The SADD Program made a positive difference in the lives of many students across the state and the local chapters would try and seek funding to continue functioning in their area. State Team members offered to seek additional funding for the program as well.

2011-2012 Draft Recommendations

- The SCDRT will consider a stronger safe sleep recommendation that will align with the AAP enhanced recommendations.
- Change the state child passenger safety laws to reflect the current recommendations of child restraint's adequate height and weight. (*Rear facing until age 2 or until child exceeds height limit for rear facing*)
- Emphasize the importance for families to check child restraint expiration dates.
- Review "draft" recommendations prepared by staff on tobacco cessation and underage drinking education for parents.

2012 Meeting Dates

- **Thursday, January 19, 2012**
- **Thursday, April 19, 2012**
- **Thursday, July 19, 2012**
- **Thursday, October 18, 2012**

The proposed dates and meeting location would remain until further notified.

Open Discussion

Dr. Marsha Raulerson, a pediatrician in Brewton and long time advocate and champion for child death review, was recently honored by the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds and the American Academy of Pediatrics and presented the 2011 Dr. Ray E. Helfer Award.

Other discussion included proposed legislation on youth and cyber bullying, increased suicide deaths, and the "choking game."

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.