

ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON CHILD ABUSE, RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2016

Meeting called to order: 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Merlin Leach, Lisa Channell, Cecile Blucker, Charles Ellis, Laura Abbott, Karen Worley, Carol Maxwell, Dr. Karen Farst, Susan Bradshaw, Gracie Giles Gonner, Christi McQueen, Robert Parker, Larry Robert Combs, Eddie Schmeckenbecher, Susan Waggener, Dr. Patricia Scott

Members Absent: Lott Rolfe IV, Dorinda Edmisten, Debbie Roark, Dr. Sondra Bedwell, Lt. Corey Sanders, Dr. Suzanne Jessup, Karl Mounger, Stacey Mckeown, Judge David Reynolds

Guest: Dr. Pamela Tabor

Via telephone: Kristin Pawlik

Others Present: Max Snowden, Candy Garland, Stasia Burk McDonald, Michelle Cline, Sherry Williamson, Gwen Johnson (ACCARDV)

The meeting was held in the Freeway Medical Building @ 5800 West 10th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, Suite 906

- Dr. Leach read proxies: Lott Rolfe IV designated Kristin Pawlik, Dorinda Edmisten designated Lisa Channell, Debbie Roark designated Carol F. Maxwell, Dr. Sondra Bedwell designated Dr. Patricia Scott, Lt. Corey Sanders designated Robert Parker, Dr. Suzanne Jessup designated Dr. Merlin Leach

Review of last meeting minutes - Per Robert Parker, motion was granted to approve minutes; Kristin Pawlik, seconded.

- Introduction of new appointments:
Karl Mounger - member at large
Laura Abbott - member at large
Susan Bradshaw - victim witness coordinator
Lisa Channell - reappointed

- Child Abuse Project Report – Sherry Williamson

Provided summary for meetings, training and activities for the 2nd quarter, October 1st, 2015 – December 31st, 2015. There were 3624 licensed educators accessed online training.

- Rape Project Report – Michelle Cline

Provided 3rd quarter reports for seminars and trainings; Educational Seminars (917) Participants (5794) Professional Trainings (36) Participants. Rape Prevention Education Committee met on January 15th to review the grants and make recommendations for funding. The final two site visits were conducted for the year. Both are doing well and meeting or exceeding goals and objective. Extensive training is in progress for new staff at the Crisis Center in Fort Smith.

Lisa Channell provided a brief review. Dr. Merlin Leach asked commission members to accept recommendation to continue funding for Rape Prevention Education Programs. Kristin Pawlik moved to approve funding and Karen Worley seconded. Michelle Cline also provided a list of Preventive Health Block Grant Trainings. CDC site visit went very well.

- Domestic Violence Report – Mr. Max Snowden

Note: Sara Rudolph-Pollard is out on FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act). She had surgery and should return by the end of the month. A brief update on the Domestic Violence Project was provided. Due to a 6 state federal initiative, the possibility of implementing a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team is being explored.

- MDT Project – Stasia Burk McDonald

Provided a brief summary of county updates, meetings and conferences. Michelle Tippitt is the new MDT Coordinator for Monroe County. Liz Wagner has been hired as the Poinsett County MDT Coordinator position and Kristy Nichols as the new Fulton County MDT Coordinator. Stasia attended the Attorney Generals’ Summit on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children on December 3rd and 4th, 2015. She was also asked to serve on the Governor’s Oversight Committee and attended the 1st meeting on January 12th, 2016. An MDT has started in Drew County (Monticello), which will be a good resource there. Lonoke has started a CAC Satellite Center in Brinkley, AR. 2015 MDT statistics will be presented at the April 20th, 2016 quarterly meeting.

- CAC Project – Mr. Max Snowden

Provided a brief review on the CAC Project Coordinator Position.

- Financial Update - Candy Garland

Funding listed below reflects financial activity since the Oct 21, 2015 meeting:

STATE FUNDING UPDATE (NEW BUSINESS)

2015 - 2016 DOMESTIC PEACE FUND STATE APPROPRIATION

Since July 1, 2015 we have distributed a total of \$362,034.32 to 31 domestic violence shelters. Each shelter received a total of \$11,678.53, with one additional payment remaining in April 2016. Shelter payments for January 2016 were down by \$2,383.97, due to a decline in overall revenue each shelter received \$2,303.53. Normal payout per shelter each quarter is \$4,687.50. It is hoped that we will be able to recoup those funds that were left off of their payment by the end of June. If not, we will give them what we have available. Total payout to shelters is estimated at \$581,250. Note: Bail Bond funding (\$161,341.58) is down \$69,807.21 from previous year.

2015 - 2016 DIVISION ON AGING GRANT STATE DHS

Since July 1, 2015, ACCARDV dispensed a total of \$73,915.20 to 10 domestic violence shelters funded by the Commission to provide client services. Total anticipated disbursement thru June 30, 2016 is \$144,959.

Other Business Updates

UAMS Website - www.accardv.uams.edu - Our website is currently in the process of being reconfigured/updated by our UAMS IT Division.

- Guest: Pamela Tabor

Summarized a review on the Arkansas Infant & Child Death Review Program

Arkansas Infant & Child Death Review Program

The Local Infant & Child Death Review Teams cover 49 counties. The Arkansas Infant Mortality (AIM) Team covers the remaining 26 counties that are not currently covered by a local team. With the introduction of the AIM Team in 2014, we now have the ability to review 100% of all reviewable infant deaths in the state. Approximately 80% of all reviewable pediatric deaths occur in areas that have team coverage.

2016 Proposed Team Development

Southeast Arkansas: Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Drew and Union Counties.

North Central: Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Prairie, Sharp, Stone and Woodruff Counties.

Top Three Causes of Death

2015	Since Program Inception
Infants	
1. Sudden Unexplained Infant Death	1. Sudden Unexplained Infant Death
2. Asphyxia	2. Asphyxia
3. Fire, Burn or Electrocution	3. Motor Vehicle Collision and Weapons (tied)
Ages 1-17	
1. Motor Vehicle Collisions	1. Motor Vehicle Collisions
2. Weapon	2. Drowning/ Weapon (tied)
3. Drowning	3. Fire, Burn or Electrocution

Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) is the leading cause of reviewable infant deaths. From the review of these SUID deaths, 62% listed an inappropriate or unsafe sleep environment, while co-sleeping was listed as a contributory factor in 47% of the reviewed cases.

SUID deaths occurred predominately between one and three months of age (67%).

Identification of acts of omission and commission helps connect human behavior to the death. An omission is a failure to act (i.e., lack of supervision or co-sleeping with an infant) and a commission is a direct act (i.e. abusive head trauma or suicide).

Acts of Omission/Commission Listed for Reviewed Cases by Age Group		
	Infants N=94	1 -17 year olds N=102
Yes	76%	66%
No	5%	14%
Probable	1%	8%
Unknown	7%	3%
No Response	11%	9%

A direct cause is an action that was necessary and sufficient to have caused the death (i.e. ATV collision or use of a gun); whereas an indirect cause is an action that was necessary, however, not sufficient to have caused the death (i.e. lack of safety equipment such as helmets or life jackets).

Direct/Indirect Causes that lead to a Child Death

Listed by Age Group

Infants, N=94

1 - 17 year olds, N=102

Direct Cause: 13%

Direct Cause: 30%

Indirect Cause: 67%

Indirect Cause: 51%

*** direct and indirect percentages are independent variables and do not equal 100% ***

Reviewed Cases Determined Preventable

listed by Age Group

	Infants N=94	1 - 17 year olds N=102
Determined Preventable	87%	80%
Determined Not Preventable	4%	8%
<i>Team Could Not Determine</i>	6%	6%
No answer	3%	6%

The average age of the biological mother was 26 years old and the average age of the biological father was 29 years old (note that not all cases list parent's age). Entertained questions afterwards.

- Other Business

Mr. Snowden provided a reminder for those who need to submit a written financial disclosure that the deadline is February 1st, 2016. Also, a brief summary of accomplishment highlights for 2015 was provided.

2016 Commission Meeting Dates Highlighted.

Next quarterly commission meeting, Wednesday, April 20th 2016.

Dr. Merlin Leach announced this is his last meeting; has been replaced by Karl Mounger.

Meeting adjourned: 2:35 p.m.