

MINUTES – April 5, 2018
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Tuckahoe Area Library
1901 Starling Drive
Henrico, VA

Members Present: Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., SLAT Chair, CPMT-LDSS Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Vice-Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Jeannine Uzel, VDH; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Sue Reese, VDSS; Kimberly Russo, CPMT – CSU Representative

Members Absent: Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Kellie Evans, Private Provider Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Ann Bevan, DMAS

Guests and Staff Members Present: (guest list attached), Scott Reiner, Zandra Relaford, Kristi Schabo, Rendell Briggs, Maris Adcock, Stephanie Bacote, Annette Larkin, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Tamara Temoney, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 1, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Karen Reilly-Jones, seconded by Pam Fisher and carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

State Executive Council (SEC) Report

Dr. Temoney reported that the SEC’s March 15, 2018 was chaired by Deputy Secretary Gena Boyle Berger as Secretary Carey was attending a meeting with the Governor. Secretary Carey arrived later in the meeting and introductions were made.

Dr. Temoney noted that during the meeting, Carl Ayers, Director of Family Services at VDSS, provided an update on legislation of interest to stakeholders. The Kinship Guardianship Assistance program, established by the 2018 General Assembly, will facilitate child placements with relatives and ensure permanency for children for whom adoption or being returned home are not appropriate permanency options. The Program is effective July 1, 2018. The federal Family First Prevention Services Act, which will become effective in October 2019, reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to provide services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system. SLAT members asked that additional information on the legislation be shared at the June SLAT meeting.

The SEC also discussed OCS Administrative Memo #18-01, Parental Consent for Information Sharing for CSA Special Education Funding and will be working toward a resolution of this issue.

Mr. Reiner reported that the SEC has two new members: Dr. Jennifer Lee as Director of DMAS and Duke Storen as Commissioner of VDSS. He also noted that Greg Peters' (a private provider representative) term would expire on June 30, 2018. He is not eligible for reappointment. Sheila Olem (a local government representative) has resigned.

Mr. Reiner further reported that SEC members received an audit plan status update and reviewed common audit findings. Of particular note was the utilization management procedures and practices of local CSA programs. After discussion, the SEC voted to create an ad hoc work group (including community partners) to consider ways to address and assist localities with utilization management at the local level.

Another notable audit trend discussed by the SEC was the frequency of administering the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessments in accordance with established guidelines. Mr. Reiner reported that the OCS would be developing CANS policy based on the existing guidelines for the consideration of the SEC. The policy development process will begin at the June SEC meeting.

OCS Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *OCS Assistant Director* – The new OCS Assistant Director, Zandra Relaford, was introduced. She comes to OCS from VDSS.
- *2018 General Assembly* – There are no changes to the CSA statutes. A number of items were included in the state budget that are pending resolution in the upcoming General Assembly Budget session to be convened April 11, 2018. Budget items at the time the General Assembly adjourned include:
 - Conducting a rate setting study for private day special education programs. OCS would receive \$250,000 to conduct the study.
 - Capping rate increases for private day special education programs at 2% during the rate setting study period.
 - Developing (with DOE and a designated list of entities) outcome measures for private day special education programs.
 - Transforming CSA into an evidence-based, trauma-informed system (with DMAS, DBHDS and stakeholders).
- *Training Progress Report* – Updates were provided on the following:
 - The New CSA Coordinator Academy was held March 27-29, 2018 with 25 new coordinators in attendance.
 - The CSA Conference will be held May 1-2, 2018 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center.
 - Five on-line training modules for Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) members are in development and nearing completion. Another training will be developed for those responsible for CSA financial reporting.
 - Training for the recruitment and retention of parent representatives who serve on CPMTs and FAPTs is in the development phase. The trainings will be provided through e-learning modules as well as video. Andelicia Neville offered to assist with the project.
- *Collaborative Activities* – OCS collaborative activities include:
 - Collaboration with DBHDS regarding discharge planning for children at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA). A meeting of

- stakeholders will be convened in the next several weeks to examine ways to improve discharge planning for those children and adolescents leaving the CCCA.
- Collaboration with DMAS on funding and services for the most challenging children in local DSS custody.
 - *CSA Service Fee Directory* – OCS is beginning the process of upgrading the CSA Service Fee Directory. The upgrade will take place in two phases over the next year.

IACCT Update/Discussion

Mr. Reiner provided an update as Magellan and DMAS representatives were unable to attend today's meeting. As the Magellan contract period for behavioral health services will soon expire, DMAS has begun transitioning behavioral health services to six CCC+ and six Medallion 4 managed care entities.

Members also discussed IACCT and its direction moving forward. The DMAS representatives to SLAT will be asked to provide an update at the June SLAT meeting.

Report from the Nominating Committee

Dr. Temoney reported that Andelicia Neville, Kellie Evans and Ashley Harrell would serve on the Nominating Committee. They will report on nominations at the June SLAT meeting.

She also noted that several categories of SLAT representatives have terms expiring June 30, 2018. The individuals representing those groups were asked to follow-up with names of representatives for the term beginning July 1.

SLAT Work Plan Discussion

Dr. Temoney reported that, at SLAT's February meeting, SLAT members decided to scale back the Work Plan to focus on family engagement and congregate care. She suggested that SLAT develop a brief report for the SEC based on results of the recently conducted survey concerning parent representatives to FAPT and CPMT. After further discussion, Dr. Temoney will draft a report for SLAT's review at their June meeting.

For the second part of the discussion, Karen Reilly-Jones presented data she had compiled on congregate care. Discussion was centered on further exploration about the use of congregate care placements through CSA and whether these placements are clinically necessary, represent a lack of needed alternative community-based services, and whether they are achieving desired outcomes. In order to address some of the questions raised during discussion, a survey will be developed to disseminate to CSA coordinators. Karen Reilly-Jones and Andelicia Neville will develop a draft survey for review at the June SLAT meeting.

Member Updates

There were no member updates.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held June 7 in the Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Road.