

**State Executive Council (SEC) Executive Committee Meeting  
Hanover Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Road  
Richmond, VA 23229  
February 16, 2017**

**Attending:**

William A. (Bill) Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors  
Andrew Block, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)  
Cindi Jones, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)  
Pamela Kestner, Deputy Secretary, Health and Human Resources  
Daniela Lewy, Executive Director, Governor's Children's Cabinet  
Greg Peters, President and CEO, UMFS  
Margaret Schultze, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)  
Eric Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children's Services (OCS)  
Maris Adcock, Business Manager (OCS)  
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Assistant (OCS)

**Absent:**

The Honorable Richard "Dickie" Bell, Member, Virginia House of Delegates

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Hazel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. The minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without objection.

**New SEC Member**

Scott Reiner reported that Elizabeth O'Shea from McLean will be filing the unexpired term (parent representative) of Eddie Worth who recently resigned from the Council.

**Summary of General Assembly Activity**

Mr. Reiner reported that the Governor's introduced budget includes an additional \$85.7M in general funds for CSA for the 2017-2018 biennium. He noted that this amount includes funding for a six percent annual growth (in FY18) in CSA expenditures as projected by the Department of Planning and Budget.

Two (language only) budget amendments have been introduced regarding private educational placements – Item 285 #1h directs development of an implementation plan to transfer CSA funding for students with disabilities to DOE. Item 285 #1s directs that an Implementation Workgroup for Private Day Options be convened.

**Changes to DMAS Regulations**

Cindi Jones provided members with an update on the DMAS residential treatment and IACCT regulations. Emergency regulations were signed by the Governor and will become effective July 1, 2017. The emergency regulations are available on the Town Hall website. Public comment will be accepted from February 20, 2017 through March 22, 2017.

## **Member Updates**

Secretary Hazel asked members to provide brief updates on legislation and other activities within their agencies. It was also announced that Pam Kestner had accepted a position as Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Committee members wished her well in her new position.

## **March SEC Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Reiner reported that the SEC's Finance and Audit Committee would be meeting this afternoon. The Committee is expected to recommend to the SEC that a Notice of Intent to Develop Policy be approved by the SEC at its March meeting for dissemination regarding development of a policy in response to audit findings with regard to CSA.

Mr. Block was also asked to make a presentation at the March SEC meeting on the DJJ transformation initiative.

## **SEC Finance and Audit Committee Update**

As reported above, the SEC's Finance and Audit Committee will be meeting this afternoon. Mr. Reiner reported that the Committee has been drafting proposed policy that will provide direction to the OCS Executive Director in response to audit findings of non-compliance by local CSA programs.

Mr. Reiner noted several recent self-reported findings including ineligible services and the use of a non-Medicaid vendor.

## **OCS Update**

Mr. Reiner reported on the following:

- A new OCS Assistant Director, Janet Van Cuyk, has been hired and will start on March 25.
- An additional audit staff member is under recruitment.
- A small group of CSA coordinators worked with CSA staff to redesign the Services Gap Survey. The Survey will be made available in early March.
- A New CSA Coordinator Academy will be held March 21 – 23.
- Registration is now open for the CSA Conference which will be held in April. OCS, Program Consultant, Kristi Schabo, is the OCS contact for this year's Conference.
- The Local Expenditure, Data and Reimbursement System (LEDRS) was initiated for the 2017 CSA program year. As of July 1, 2016, the new reporting system combines data and expenditure reporting from localities into one report. Most localities have been able to make a smooth transition; however, several large localities have not been able to report due to local software issues. A single submission process will become effective July 1, 2017.
- Projected expenditures (year to date status) are not available due in part to acclimation by localities to the new LEDRS reporting system and delays in reporting expenditures.
- CANVaS 2.0 is due for release next week.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. without objection.