

MINUTES – June 1, 2017
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA

Members Present: Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Vice-Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; The Honorable Greg Carr, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Carl Ayers, DSS; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Janet Lung, DBHDS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Ann Bevan, DMAS; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT-School Representative

Members Absent: Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., SLAT Chair, CPMT-LDSS Representative; Ron Belay, CPMT – CSU Representative

Guests and Staff Members Present: Mills Jones, Brady Nemeyer, Kyle McMahon, Katie Boyle, Janet Areson, Alicia Aston, Dreama Harrod, Valerie L’Herrou, Scott Reiner, Janet Van Cuyk, Kristi Schabo, Stephanie Bacote, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Chuck Walsh, seconded by Angela Neely and carried.

Public Comment

There was one public comment:

- Mills Jones, Director of the Office of Children’s Services for Goochland County

Mr. Jones’ comment generated a great deal of discussion around foster care youth and related topics such as service options for foster care youth with special medical needs, issues with Medicaid coverage, treatment foster care, and the Virginia Enhanced Maintenance Tool (VEMAT). Of special note was discussion of the model used for treatment foster care in Virginia as compared to models used in other states.

OCS Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *Status of the workgroup on private day special education as passed during the 2017 General Assembly Session* - Budget amendment Item 1#6c directs staff of the legislative money committees to examine the options and determine the actions necessary to better manage the quality and costs of private day educational programs currently funded through the Children’s Services Act (CSA). Mr. Reiner noted that he has reached out to the staff of these committees and offered assistance from OCS as it is needed.

- *CSA Conference* – This year’s conference had a total of over 650 participants. Overall conference evaluations have been good. Next year’s conference, which will celebrate the 25th anniversary of CSA, will be held May 1 and 2, 2018 with the pre-conference session scheduled for April 30.
- *CANVaS 2.0* – OCS continues to make minor adjustments to the new CANVaS 2.0 software platform.
- *CSA expenditures* – At this point in time, FY17 CSA expenditures are approximately 6% greater than FY16. The greatest increase in expenditures is seen in private day education.
- *LEDRS* - Phase Two of the Local Expenditure, Data and Reimbursement System (LEDRS) will be implemented on August 1, 2017. With the implementation of Phase 2, locality reporting will be combined into one submission.
- *IACCT* - The Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT) will be implemented July 1, 2017. CSA guidance issued in December 2016 is still appropriate. Data will also be collected for CSA referrals where IACCT has not approved the placement. This should further clarify the process and assist with identifying gaps in level of care.
- *E-Learning* – An online course is being developed on the use of special education wrap around funds and should be ready by July 1, 2017.
- *CSA/SEC Policy Review* – OCS will be discussing with the State Executive Council (SEC) a policy review. The review would incorporate:
 - Reformatting the current CSA/SEC Policy Manual so that it is presented in a cleaner and standardized format. (This would not involve a change in policy).
 - Including guidelines adopted in conjunction with SEC policy that are not in the current Policy Manual.
 - Periodic review of the Policy Manual.
- *CSA/DJJ Collaboration* – The agencies are collaborating to upgrade and enhance vendor services to benefit both CSA and DJJ populations.

Continued Development of the SLAT Work Plan

At the direction of Mrs. Reilly-Jones, SLAT members reviewed and confirmed (on a motion by Carl Ayers, seconded by Angela Neely) the action steps compiled in the areas of:

- congregate care
- discharge barriers
- prevention (which may include non-mandated populations)

Dr. Temoney will report at the June SEC meeting.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Mr. Reiner reported that the bylaws allow for officers to serve two consecutive terms in the same office. Pending decisions from Dr. Temoney and Mrs. Reilly-Jones on whether or not they are willing to serve a seconded term as Chair and Vice-Chair, a Nominating Committee was appointed to serve (if needed). Members appointed were: Angela Neely, Shannon Updike and Chuck Walsh. Further discussion and decisions will be made at the August SLAT meeting.

Member Updates

Mrs. Reilly-Jones asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. Members reported on upcoming conferences, grant activities, and program reviews. Members also continue to work within their agencies, serve on workgroups and advocate through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery for the children, youth and families of Virginia.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.