

MINUTES – February 4, 2016
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Dining Hall, UMFS
3900 W. Broad Street
Richmond, VA

Members Present: Ronald Belay, SLAT Chair, CPMT - CSU Representative; Cristy Corbin, Parent Representative; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; The Honorable Frank Somerville, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, CSA Coordinators Network; Pat Haymes, DOE; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Beth Stinnett, DJJ; Carl Ayers, VDSS

Members Absent: Brian Campbell, DMAS

Guests and Staff Members Present: Kara Brooks, Brady Nemeyer, Mills Jones, Sydney Bullock, Claudine Saliba-Rawls, Ty Parr, Leah Mills, Penny Combs, Scott Reiner, Howard Sanderson, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Ron Belay, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made. Mr. Reiner reported that parent representative Cristy Gallagher had resigned from SLAT due to the serious illness of her daughter.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Pat Haymes, seconded by Shannon Updike and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following:

Final FY15 Cost Driver Analysis – A chart with CSA expenditures by category over the last four fiscal years was provided. Final total expenditures for FY15 totaled \$26M over those for FY14. Fiscal year 2015 expenditure increases were due in large part to an increase in the number of special education private day placements and the number of children served by CSA.

FY16 Legislative and Budget Update – Mr. Reiner reported that HB 369 would add the chair of SLAT to the membership of the SEC along with a representative who has previously received services through CSA.

The Governor’s introduced budget includes \$18M in funding to cover the state share of CSA expenditures for FY16 that resulted from increased expenditures. This amount has also been included in the FY16-F618 biennial budget. MEL and funding was also included in the Governor’s introduced budget to add two auditor positions within OCS.

Mr. Reiner also reported on other budget requests that were not included in the Governor's budget but have been requested by General Assembly members. Those amendments include funding to:

- Eliminate the local Medicaid match on residential placements and treatment foster care case management
- Increase in the general fund allocation to support local CSA administrative costs
- Provide 100% general funds to cover the cost of educational services for Medicaid members placed in psychiatric or residential facilities outside the CSA process. (Funding for two fiscal years while working on a permanent solution for funding of these services.)

Budget language has also been introduced that would direct the SEC to convene a work group to make recommendations to increase the use of CSA non-mandated funds for those involved in the juvenile justice system and/or long-term school suspension/expulsion.

Report – State Executive Council Workgroup – Mr. Reiner reported that, over the past several years, legislation had been introduced but not passed in the General Assembly to bring CSA under the Administrative Process Act. The 2015 Appropriation Act directed the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in cooperation with the Secretary of Education to convene a work group to provide recommendations regarding the role of the SEC. SLAT members were provided a copy of the report.

Mr. Reiner noted that the work group recommended that the SEC remain a supervisory council, chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. They also recommended adding the chair of the State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT) as a voting member of the Council as well as adding a representative to the SEC and the SLAT who previously received services through CSA (as noted above).

He further reported that the SEC at its December 2015 meeting approved disseminating a “Notice of Intent to Develop Policy” for a public comment period. That public comment period ended February 1 and was favorable to the SEC developing a draft “Proposed Public Participation Policy” for the SEC. The proposed policy is being developed as part of the recommendations from the work group. The proposed policy will provide clear guidelines for public participation in the SEC's process of developing and adopting policy. The proposed guidelines will also address specific time frames for various stages in the process, expectations for public notice and public comments, and expectations for consideration of fiscal impact on local government. The proposed policy will be presented to the SEC at its March 2016 meeting for consideration of dissemination for a 60-day public comment period.

CSA Conference Update – The annual CSA Conference will be held April 27-28, 2016 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Registration is now open. Tuesday afternoon, April 26, 2016, a special session will be held for CSA coordinators. Mr. Reiner also reminded members about the award recognitions that will be presented at the conference and requested their assistance in soliciting nominations.

Preview of New CSA Outcomes Dashboard – Mr. Reiner introduced Howard Sanderson, OCS Research Associate/Program Evaluator. Mr. Sanderson provided members with a demonstration of the prototype of the newly developed local outcomes dashboard. The local outcomes dashboard

utilizes the five existing performance measures from the CSA Executive Scorecard. Mr. Reiner and Mr. Sanderson also answered questions.

Members discussed the importance of educating stakeholders on how outcomes data can/should be utilized in a meaningful way. A demonstration of the application used to view locality performance on the five existing performance measures will be provided at the March 17, 2016 SEC meeting. The plan is to make the Outcomes Dashboard available on the CSA website.

Discussion of SLAT Work Plan

Mr. Reiner reported on potential areas of study for the SLAT work plan:

- Commission on Youth (COY) Study of the Use of Federal, State, and Local Funds for Private Educational Placements of Students with Disabilities – Mr. Reiner noted that members were provided a copy of the Executive Summary of the report. The full report is available on the Commission on Youth website. He further reported that one of the recommendations from the study was that the SEC revisit existing policy restrictions and budgetary constraints with CSA state pool funds for wrap around services for students with disabilities.

After discussion, Mr. Reiner asked that members consider the questions that need to be asked to address issues identified during discussion. Those questions should be submitted to Mr. Reiner by March 1. Once a list of final questions has been developed, members will be asked to solicit feedback from their particular constituencies. That feedback will then be offered to the SEC in the form of findings and recommendations from SLAT.

- Strategies to address goals for the FY16-FY18 Biennial Plan – The SEC and SLAT met jointly in December to discuss, develop and endorse goals and strategies for the FY16-FY18 biennium. Mr. Reiner noted several of the activities where SLAT members are already actively involved. SLAT will continue to work under the direction of the SEC to address areas of the Biennial Plan.

Mrs. Reilly-Jones, Chair of the SLAT Training Committee, reminded members to let the Training Committee know of particular training needs that they could address.

Committee Member Updates

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. Members reported on the legislative session and noted upcoming conferences. Mr. Reiner asked that members send conference information to OCS for posting on the OCS Training Calendar. Members continue to work within their agencies, serve on workgroups and advocate through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery to the children, youth and families of Virginia.

New/Other Business

There was no new or other business to discuss.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.