

**AGENDA**  
**State Executive Council for Children's Services**  
**March 11, 2021**

***Virtual Meeting***

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- 9:30 Call to Order / Roll Call of Members**
- 9:40 Opening Remarks – Dr. Daniel Carey, Chair**
- Introduction of New SEC Members – Ron Spears, Private Provider
    - **Action Item** – Approval of December 2020 Minutes (Roll Call Vote)
- 9:50 Public Comment I**
- 10:00 Presentation and Discussion:**  
Carlos Rivero, Chief Data Officer, Commonwealth of Virginia
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:40 Executive Director's Report – Scott Reiner**
- Relevant General Assembly actions
  - Status of Strategic Plan implementation
    - Outcomes Catalog
    - Evidence Based Practice Readiness Training Events
- 11:00 State and Local Advisory Team Report – Lesley Abashian, SLAT Chair**
- 11:10 Public Comment II**
- 11:15 Member Updates**
- 11:25 Closing Remarks – Secretary Carey**
- 11:30 Adjourn**

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**Schedule of Remaining 2021 Meetings**

**June 10, September 9, December 9**

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**STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SEC)  
FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 137  
Richmond, VA  
(VIRTUAL MEETING)  
Thursday, December 10, 2020**

**SEC Members Present:**

The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Lesley Abashian, Chair, State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT)  
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors  
Sophia Booker, Service Recipient Representative  
Valerie Boykin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice  
Eric Campbell, City Manager, City of Harrisonburg  
Courtney Gaskins, Ph.D., Director of Program Services, Youth for Tomorrow  
The Honorable Willie Greene, Mayor, City of Galax  
The Honorable Elizabeth Guzman, Member, Virginia House of Delegates  
Samantha Hollins, Ed.D. for James Lane, Ed.D. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia  
Department of Education  
Sandra Karison for Karl Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia  
Karen Kimsey, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services  
Alison Land, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services  
The Honorable T. Montgomery "Monty" Mason, Member, Senate of Virginia  
Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative  
The Honorable Frank Somerville, Presiding Judge, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations District Court  
Amanda Stanley, President and CEO, DePaul Community Resources  
Duke Storen, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services

**SEC Members Absent:**

Bob Hicks, for M. Norman Oliver, M.D., Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health  
Jessica Stern, Parent Representative

**Other Staff Present:**

Marsha Mucha, Administrative Staff Assistant, OCS  
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, OCS  
Susan Whyte, Assistant Attorney General

**Roll Call of Members**

Scott Reiner noted that the COVID-19 state of emergency precludes assembling the required number of individuals in a central location. The meeting was held virtually in accordance with state law via GoToMeeting and was being recorded.

Mr. Reiner conducted a roll call of the membership for attendance purposes.

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### **Opening Remarks**

Secretary Carey called the virtual meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He recognized Michelle Johnson, Charles City County Administrator as a new member of the SEC.

The minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Courtney Gaskins, seconded by Mary Biggs and approved by roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Secretary Carey, Duke Storen, Samantha Hollins, Valerie Boykin, Sandra Karison, Karen Kimsey, Alison Land, Courtney Gaskins, Amanda Stanley, Andelicia Neville, Sophia Booker, Mary Biggs, Eric Campbell, Willie Greene, Michelle, Johnson, Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, Senator Monty Mason, Frank Somerville and Lesley Abashian

Nay:

### **Public Comment 1**

Public comment was made by Bill Elwood representing the Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Associations (VCOPPA) and the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF). He thanked Mr. Reiner for presenting at the VCOPPA Annual Critical Issues Symposium that was held last week.

Mr. Elwood also commented on the recently completed JLARC Report on the Review of the Children's Services Act and Private Special Education Day School Costs and he presented some general observations about the Report.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Scott Reiner, Executive Director of OCS reported on the following items:

- Overview of CSA Utilization and Expenditures - Mr. Reiner presented a summary of FY2020 CSA utilization and expenditure data. Overall FY2020 net expenditures (\$438M) rose approximately 5% over FY2019 expenditures.
- Status of Strategic Plan Implementation
  - **SEC Policy Review and Alignment** – The workgroup has a total of 19 members and has held two meetings to date. The workgroup includes members that bring an equity and trauma informed perspective to the policy review. The first policy under review is the Family Engagement policy. An initial report of their work will be provided at the March SEC meeting.
  - **Leadership and Collective Action** - In support of outcome driven practices, Mr. Reiner reported that OCS has surveyed state agencies concerning their collection and reporting of outcomes data. A few responses are still outstanding. A report will be provided at the March SEC meeting.
  - **Evidence-based Practices** - A series of Evidence-Based training events which were originally planned for April 2020 are now being planned to be delivered virtually in the spring of 2021. Collaborative activities have resulted in the establishment of a Center for Evidence-based Practices in Virginia. The initial MOU is between DBHDS and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Other areas of Strategic Plan implementation will be addressed during the SLAT report.

- Recap of CSA (virtual) Annual Conference - The 2020 CSA Annual Conference was held virtually on October 29 and 30. The keynote speaker was the Commonwealth's Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Dr. Janice Underwood. Over 1,000 attendees logged-in for one or both days of the Conference.
- General Assembly Reports - Mr. Reiner noted that members received copies of five reports that are due annually to the General Assembly. Those reports have been filed and are available on the Legislative Information System (LIS) website.

### **State and Local Advisory Team Report (SLAT)**

Lesley Abashian, SLAT Chair provided the report. SLAT last met on November 5, 2020. As noted by Mr. Reiner in his report, SLAT has two workgroups meeting on areas of the SEC's Strategic Plan.

- The Empowering Families workgroup is developing a guide for youth and families to build understanding about access to needed services. Two additional family members have been added to the workgroup.
- The Leadership and Collective Action Workgroup is working on deliverables around leadership competencies for local CSA leaders (CSA coordinators, FAPT and CPMT members).

SLAT members also decided to move SLAT meetings to a quarterly schedule with meetings held in the months preceding the SEC's quarterly meetings. This would bring SLAT's meeting schedule into alignment with the SEC's meeting schedule. SLAT's next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021.

### **Summary of the JLARC Report on CSA**

Mr. Reiner provided members with the executive summary and recommendations from the recently released JLARC report on CSA. He noted that the full report is available on the JLARC website. He noted seven broad conclusions with a total of eighteen specific recommendations, including nine specific to private day special education and nine for the CSA program in general.

The large majority of the recommendations would require General Assembly action and additional resources. Mr. Reiner noted that OCS is ready to work to implement any of the recommendations as may be required.

### **Questions and Discussion of the JLARC Report**

Members were provided an opportunity for discussion and to ask questions of JLARC staff members, Kate Agnelli, Keegan Edgar, and Stefanie Papps. In regards to several of the recommendations, members asked questions and noted opportunities for more integration of families into the CSA process, mental health parity, centralizing conversations and interactions with other child-serving agencies, and improvement in providing high quality, cost-effective services to children and families. Members also asked how the SEC could be supportive of next steps moving forward. It was noted that several of the recommendations (16 and 17) are very consistent with part of the SEC's strategic plan.

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**Status Updates**

Updates were provided on the following areas/projects:

- Family First Prevention Services Act – Kristin Zagar, VDSS
- Behavioral Health Enhancement – Karen Kimsey, DMAS
- COVID-19 Vaccination – Christy Gray, VDH

**Public Comment II**

There was no additional public comment.

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

In closing, Secretary Carey thanked everyone for their commitment to serving youth and families during these challenging times.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**2021 General Assembly Session - Summary of CSA-Related Legislation**

Bill Number	Chief Patron	
<p><a href="#">SB 1313</a> <a href="#">HB2117</a></p>	<p>Mason Van Valkenburg</p>	<p>Impacts CSA funded special education activities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires that only educational programs licensed by DOE will be eligible for CSA funding.</li> <li>• Also adds a new group to the eligible populations for CSA: students previously placed in approved private school education programs for six months or more and who will receive transitional services in public school settings for less than 12 months. Provides definitions for the allowable transition services.</li> <li>• Requires Secretaries of Education and HHR, in conjunction with DOE and OCS, to establish a work group to develop a plan to transfer CSA funds used for private day or residential special education facilities. Defines membership and required issues to be addressed. Preliminary report is due November 1, 2021 and final report on November 1, 2022.</li> <li>• Emerged from JLARC recommendations.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">SB 1328</a></p>	<p>Mason</p>	<p>Creates a State-Funded Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (KinGAP) in efforts to facilitate child placements with relatives, including fictive kin, and ensure permanency for children in such placements. (2018 JLARC recommendation). Allows for basic maintenance payments through the CSA for kinship guardians meeting certain requirements. Provides funds (approximately \$300,000) for the CSA to fund these placements.</p>
<p><a href="#">HB2212</a></p>	<p>Plum</p>	<p>Requires the director of the Office of Children's Services to provide for the effective implementation of the Children's Services Act (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.) in all localities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) regularly monitoring local performance measures and child and family outcomes;</li> <li>(ii) using audit, performance, and outcomes data to identify local programs that need technical assistance; and</li> <li>(iii) working with local programs that are consistently underperforming to develop a corrective action plan for submission to the Office and the State Executive Council for Children's Services.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided 1 FTE and funding to implement these new requirements.</li> <li>• A report due to the General Assembly in November 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">HB 2238</a></p>	<p>Kory</p>	<p>Requires any private school for students with disabilities that is licensed by the Board of Education to obtain accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized by the Virginia Council for Private Education within three years of the issuance of its initial three-year license by the Board.</p>
<p><a href="#">SB1307</a></p>	<p>Dunnavant</p>	<p>Directs the Board of Medical Assistance Services to amend the state plan for medical assistance services to provide for payment of medical assistance for health care services provided in any public or private primary or secondary school, regardless of whether the student receiving care has an individualized education program or whether the health care service is included in a student's individualized education program. The bill requires that covered services include applied behavior analysis, preventive health care, behavioral health care, diagnostic care including routine screenings, and acute care services and that services may be provided in person or through telemedicine. The bill also requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services to provide technical assistance to the Department of Education and local school divisions to facilitate their understanding of and compliance with federal ordering, referring, and prescribing (ORP) provider screening and enrollment requirements.</p>

**2021 General Assembly Session - Summary of CSA-Related Budget Items**

Item #	
292 #1c	Eliminates for FY2022, the 2% cap on rate increases for private day special education tuition.
292 #2c	Removes for FY 2022, language allowing localities to adjust tuition rates for private day special education related to the need for virtual or distance learning.
292 #3c	Provides funding for the State Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (SB1328)
293 #1c	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requires reporting on the new requirements from HB2212 (increased monitoring and corrective action plans). (Due November 1, 2021)</li> <li>2. OCS to develop a plan to modify staffing and operations to ensure effective local implementation of the CSA. (Due November 1, 2021)</li> <li>3. OCS shall collect annually from each local CSA program the number of staff (full- and part-time) and administrative budget to understand local program resources and target technical assistance to the most under-sourced local programs.</li> </ol>

Office of Children's Services  
 FY 2021 Training Progress Report (Through Q2)

Topic (Presenter)	Organization/Group/Audience	Date	# of Participants
2020 New CSA Coordinator Academy (Virtual)	New CSA Coordinators	7/10; 7/17; 7/31/2020	20
High Fidelity Wraparound Overview (Anna Antell)	Arlington County CSA Stakeholders	7/16/2020	24
Statewide High Fidelity Wraparound Conference	High Fidelity Wraparound Practitioners	9/16/2020	cancelled COVID-19
CSA and Foster Care (Scott Reiner)	VACo Human Services Committee	10/16/2020	20
CSA Coordinator Pre-Conference (Virtual)	CSA Coordinators	10/23/2020	75
9th Annual CSA Conference (Virtual)	All CSA Stakeholders	10/29 - 10/30/20	960
CSA Continuous Quality Improvement (Zandra Reliaford)	Charles City County CSA Team	11/16/2020	6
CSA Update (Scott Reiner)	VCOPPA Annual Critical Issues Symposium	11/17/2019	77
High Fidelity Wraparound: Introduction (Virtual) (Anna Antell)	ICC Providers	12/1; 12/3; 12/8; 12/10; 12/16/2020	33
HFWR Refresher Training (Virtual) (Anna Antell)	Existing HFWR Practitioners	Total "Live"	198
			1413
CSA for New LDSS Staff - Module 1 (On-Line)	New LDSS Staff and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	5
CSA for New LDSS Staff - Module 2 (On-Line)	New LDSS Staff and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	2
CSA for New LDSS Staff - Module 3 (On-Line)	New LDSS Staff and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	3
CSA for New LDSS Staff - Module 4 (On-Line)	New LDSS Staff and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	1
CSA for New LDSS Staff - Module 5 (On-Line)	New LDSS Staff and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	2
Special Education Wraparound Funding Under the CSA (On-Line)	All CSA Stakeholders	ongoing	4
CSA Continuous Quality Improvement (On-Line)	All CSA Stakeholders	ongoing	4
Can CSA Pay? (Standalone Course) (On-Line)	All CSA Stakeholders	ongoing	1
CPMT Training - Module 1 (The Big Picture) (On-Line)	CPMT Members and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	4
CPMT Training - Module 2 (CPMT/FAPT Roles and Responsibilities) (On-Line)	CPMT Members and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	3
CPMT Training - Module 3 (Funding and Eligibility) (On-Line)	CPMT Members and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	2
CPMT Training - Module 4 (Can CSA Pay?) (On-Line)	CPMT Members and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	2
CPMT Training - Module 5 (Utilization Review) (On-Line)	CPMT Members and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	1
CPMT Training - Module 6 (Audit) (On-Line)	CPMT Members and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	3
CSA Fiscal Overview (On-Line)	CSA Finance Staff and Other Interested Parties	ongoing	6
CSA Parental Agreements	All CSA Stakeholders	ongoing	7
CANS Certification/Recertification Training (On-Line)	All Local CSA Case Managers	ongoing	1983
		Total On-Line	2033