

**STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SEC)
FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Richmond/Henrico Rooms
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA
Thursday, March 21, 2019**

SEC Members Present:

The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources
The Honorable Richard "Dickie" Bell, Member, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors
Andrew Block, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice
Sophia Booker, Service Recipient Representative
Eric Campbell, City Manager, City of Harrisonburg
Courtney Gaskins, Ph.D., Director of Program Services, Youth for Tomorrow
The Honorable Willie Greene, Vice Mayor, City of Galax
Bob Hicks, for M. Norman Oliver, M.D., Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health
Sandra Karison for Karl Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia
Tammy Whitlock for Jennifer Lee, M.D., Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
Mira Signer for S. Hughes Melton, M.D., Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health
and Developmental Services
Karen Reilly-Jones, Chair, State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT)
The Honorable Frank Somerville, Presiding Judge, 16th Judicial District, Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Amanda Stanley, President and CEO, DePaul Community Resources
Jessica Stern, Parent Representative
Carl Ayers for Duke Storen, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services

SEC Members Absent:

Patricia Haymes, for James Lane, Ed.D, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia Department
of Education
The Honorable Catherine Hudgins, Member, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator, Richmond County
Jeanette Troyer, Parent Representative

Other Staff Present:

Maris Adcock, Business Manager, OCS
Rendell Briggs, Program Auditor, OCS
Annette Larkin, Program Auditor, OCS
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Staff Assistant, OCS
Kim Piner, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, OCS
Kristi Schabo, Program Consultant, OCS

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Secretary Carey called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Secretary Carey presented appointment certificates and pins to the newest appointments/reappointments to the SEC by the Governor.

The minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Tammy Whitlock, seconded by Courtney Gaskins and carried.

Public Comment

Bill Elwood, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF) provided public comment on the Virginia Private Day Special Education Rate Study.

Katie Boyle, Director of Government Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), made public comment on the 2% cap on rate increases for private day special education programs. She also thanked Mr. Reiner and OCS staff for their work on the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process.

Janet Areson, Director of Policy Development, Virginia Municipal League (VML), also made public comment on the 2% cap on rate increases for private day special education programs. She asked that OCS keep the SEC and the CSA community informed about the implementation process.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *Private Day Special Education Outcomes* – The Department of Education (DOE) in collaboration with OCS has held the first meeting of the implementation advisory group on private day special education outcomes. Collection of outcome data is to begin with the 2019-2020 school year.
- *Update on Private Day Special Education Cost Study* – The General Assembly has extended the study report due date to October 1, 2019. Collection of rates will continue through mid-May.
- *OCS Training Summary (FY19, Quarter2)* – Members received a copy of the training summary in their meeting materials.
- *Upcoming Annual CSA Conference* - The Annual CSA Conference will be held in Roanoke April 30 – May 1, 2019. The Conference keynote speaker will be Jelani Freeman, an attorney and community leader,. The closing keynote speaker will be Jonathan Katov, Founder and CEO of Open Table.

Sophia Booker asked Conference planners to consider a youth keynote speaker for next year's Conference.

Suggested Process for Biennial SEC Progress Report and Strategic Plan

Mr. Reiner reported that a facilitated session with SEC and SLAT members is confirmed for an extended September 19, 2019 SEC meeting. Nancy Toscano, Ph.D., Chief Program and Strategy Officer, UMFS – Richmond, will facilitate the session.

Dr. Toscano and Mr. Reiner will design a survey to disseminate to SEC and SLAT members to gather their input on areas of focus for strategic planning purposes. The survey results will be available in advance of the September meeting. SEC members will be able to review the current Biennial Progress Report and Strategic Plan at their December meeting before its submission to the General Assembly.

SEC Finance and Audit Committee

Mary Biggs reported on behalf of the re-activated SEC Finance and Audit Committee. The Committee met for the first time on February 27, 2019. The Committee received briefings on the CSA audit process from Stephanie Bacote, the OCS Program Audit Manager and on the CSA budget and current budget issues from Maris Adcock, the OCS Business Manager.

Ms. Biggs further reported that SEC members received a copy of the updated Committee charter, which was revised during the February 27 meeting. She along with Mr. Quicke will serve as co-chairs of the Committee, which will meet twice a year.

State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT) Report

Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair reported. SLAT's last meeting was February 7, 2019. SLAT continues to centralize information sharing and collaboration efforts to stay informed about the activities of various workgroups and committees that affect the child and family system. SLAT also has included slated times on its agenda for DSS and DMAS updates.

Several of the topics that have been addressed at SLAT include, issues pertaining to DSS background check delays for providers and impact on services and DJJ's efforts for expanding community-based services equitably across the state.

SLAT continues work on finalizing a survey to local stakeholders regarding the use of non-mandated funds. SLAT anticipates that the survey will be disseminated in April with results in by June. SLAT will then prepare recommendations for presentation to the SEC by their next meeting.

SLAT will meet again on April 4.

Continuous Quality Improvement (Utilization Management) Ad Hoc Workgroup

Mary Biggs, a member of the work group reported. Training for the five pilot sites (nine localities) is underway. Training materials and curriculum are being revised based on feedback from the pilot site trainings. The new CQI process will be unveiled at the CSA Conference.

The work group has developed materials including a User Guide, CQI Manual/Toolkit and a Glossary of Common Terms. Next steps include developing capacity to train teams on the CQI process. Ms. Biggs thanked OCS staff for their assistance on the project.

Family First Prevention Services Act Update

Carl Ayers, Director of Family Services at VDSS, provided an update on strategic planning for implementation of the Act. The vision for Family First is to keep children safe, strengthen families and reduce the need for foster care whenever it is safe to do so.

DMAS/DBHDS Behavioral Health Redesign Update

Dr. Alyssa Ward, Behavioral Health Clinical Director at DMAS provided an update on the behavioral health redesign and the timeline for proposed phased implementation. As the project expands, if SEC members would like to be considered for membership on one of the work groups, please contact Mr. Reiner.

Public Comment II

Amy Atkinson, Executive Director, Virginia Commission on Youth (VCOY), reported that VCOY would host a Foster Care for Legislators Seminar on May 6.

Member Updates

Secretary Carey asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. Members reported on initiatives, programs and events. Members 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.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Secretary Carey thanked Mr. Ayers and Dr. Ward for their presentations at today's meeting. At the June meeting, there will be a presentation on the opioid crisis by Jodi Manz from the Secretary's Office.

In closing, he noted the need to strive for continuous quality improvement by utilizing high value services to achieve positive outcomes.

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