

MINUTES – August 1, 2019
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Twin Hickory Area Library
5001 Twin Hickory Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Members Present: Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, VCOPPA; Nina Marino, DBHDS; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Rebecca Vinroot, CPMT – LDSS Representative; Martha Carroll, CPMT – CSU Representative (*and representing DJJ*), Christina Owens, DOE; Em Parente, DSS; Shamika Ward, DMAS

Members Absent: The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH; Beth Stinnett, DJJ

OCS Staff Members and Guests Present: Scott Reiner, Stephanie Bacote, Kristi Schabo, Maris Adcock, Rendell Briggs, Marsha Mucha (guest list attached)

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The June 6, 2019 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Shannon Updike, seconded by Martha Carroll and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Member Updates

Members reported on activities and the statuses of ongoing projects, new programs, grant opportunities, and upcoming conferences/events. Members also continue to work within their agencies and advocate through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery for the children, youth and families of Virginia.

Of particular note:

- Representatives of the CSA Coordinators’ Network have been meeting with stakeholders concerning the rising number of children placed for services outside of Virginia.
- The Central Virginia Partnership on Youth (CVPY) will host the Central Virginia CSA Training and Resource Day on September 20, 2019.
- The Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Associations (VCOPPA) will host its fall symposium on November 6-7, 2019.

OCS Report

Scott Reiner reported on the following items:

- *Training* – A new e-learning course is now available in the Virginia Learning Center (VLC). The course, Utilization Review for CPMT Members, provides a high-level overview of the Utilization Review (UR) requirements under CSA and how UR can be utilized to lead to improved outcomes for children and families.

Other training news:

- An e-learning course on CSA financials for local fiscal people is in the final stages of production.
- Training is available on the new Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process. Localities should contact Zandra Relaford to arrange training.
- *FY2019 Services Gap Survey* – The Survey has been released and is now available on the CSA website.
- *September Joint Meeting with the SEC* – Preparations are underway for the joint SEC/SLAT meeting on September 19. Either the primary SLAT member or one of the alternates from each organization/agency represented on SLAT is asked to attend.
- *Private Day Special Education Outcomes* – The implementation advisory group (DOE and CSA) has been meeting to finalize the private day special outcome measures. The last planned meeting will be held on August 12. Collection of outcome data, which will be comparable to public school outcome indicators, is to begin with the 2019-2020 school year.
- *Update on Private Day Special Education Cost Study* – During the week of June 17, Mr. Reiner and Public Consulting Group (PCG), the entity conducting the study, held a series of regional meetings to receive input from stakeholders. The Cost Study report is due to the General Assembly on October 1, 2019.

To comply with the 2% cap on private day special education rate increases as required by the Appropriation Act, OCS has begun collecting the negotiated rates from localities for FY2020.

- *CSA Conference* - In order to avoid conflict with the number of conferences held in the spring, the 2020 CSA Conference is being moved to the fall along with a change in venue as the Conference has outgrown its current location.
- A series of regional trainings are being planned in coordination with other child-serving agencies for the spring of 2020. The trainings will focus on local implementation of evidence-based practices.
- *Meetings* – Mr. Reiner along with several OCS staff members met with Leslie Frazier from the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Ms. Frazier is leading the Virginia Fosters Initiative.

Non-Mandated Survey Results and Next Steps

Mrs. Reilly-Jones provided background information on the request from the SEC to review the use of non-mandated funds, including barriers to use of the funds and best practices. Since there were several new members/alternates in attendance, she ask that members review the survey and summary of results apart from today's meeting.

A discussion began on eligibility for CSA funding as determined by the Code of Virginia and the designation of Child in Need of Services (CHINS). During discussion, Mr. Reiner noted that the terms “mandated and non-mandated” have become associated with and used in place of the correct terms “sum-sufficient” or “non sum sufficient” (protected) funds. After further discussion, members decided to convene a short-term workgroup to review the non-mandated survey and draft recommendations based on discussions from the last two SLAT meetings. Draft report/recommendations will be presented to SLAT at its October meeting for finalization. SLAT’s final report will be presented to the SEC at its December meeting.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.50 a.m. The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2019 in the Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Rd., in Richmond.