

MINUTES – December 6, 2018
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Tuckahoe Area Library
1901 Starling Drive
Henrico, VA

Members Present: Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, VCOPPA; The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Beth Stinnett, DJJ; Martha Carroll, CPMT – CSU Representative; Sue Reese, VDSS; Ann Bevan, DMAS; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH

Members Absent: Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative

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

Introductions and Chair Remarks

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

Mrs. Reilly-Jones reported that, at a prior meeting, it was noted that the SEC and SLAT had met jointly on occasion for strategic planning purposes. She noted that a joint meeting is in the planning stages for 2019. The SEC will hold its final meeting of 2018 on December 13.

Approval of Minutes

The October 4, 2018 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Ashley Tunner, seconded by Shannon Updike and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review of Workgroup Activities and Member Updates

Members reported on recent workgroup 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.

Members also received a handout and brief update from Amy Atkinson, Executive Director of the Virginia Commission on Youth (COY), on COY’s recommendations regarding their 2018 legislative studies and initiatives.

SLAT members asked to receive in-depth updates on the following topics at their February meeting:

- Family First Prevention Services Act (VDSS)
- Virginia’s behavioral health transformation (DMAS)

OCS Report

Zandra Relaford reported on the following:

- The report on private day special education outcomes has been delivered to the General Assembly. Moving forward, implementation activities will be under the purview of the Virginia Department of Education (DOE).
- Five reports required annually by the Appropriation Act have been filed with the Legislative Information System (LIS).
- Final OCS FY18 expenditures saw a continued rise in private day special education services over FY17 while expenditures for residential services declined.
- The public comment period for the proposed CANS policy closed the end of November. Five public comments were received. The policy will be presented to the SEC at their December 13 for consideration/approval.

Mrs. Relaford asked Kristi Schabo to provide a brief update on the 2019 CSA Conference. The Conference will be held April 30 – May 1, 2019 with a pre-conference session scheduled for April 29. The keynote speaker will be Jelani Freeman and the ending keynote speaker will be Jon Katov. Registration should open the first week in January.

Mills Jones reported on utilization management improvement activities, which is now CSA Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). The new process uses a recognized term and approach for data analysis and program improvement. Mr. Jones thanked Howard Sanderson, OCS Senior Research Analyst, for his work on the project. Pilot sites have been identified and training will be rolled out to those localities.

SLAT Work Plan Discussion

Mrs. Reilly-Jones noted that, based on discussion at the September SEC meeting, SLAT has been asked to review the use of non-mandated funds, including barriers to use of the funds, and best practices. She provided SLAT members with an analysis of data on the use of non-mandated funds for FY17 and FY18.

As members reviewed the data, they raised and discussed questions to be addressed in a survey to localities. Mrs. Reilly-Jones will draft the survey. SLAT will identify survey recipients and discuss the survey further at its February 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 February 7, 2019 at the Tuckahoe Library, 1901 Starling Dr., Henrico, VA.