

**State Executive Council (SEC) Executive Committee Meeting  
Office of Comprehensive Services Conference Room  
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 137  
Richmond, VA 23229  
August 21, 2014**

**Attending:**

William A. (Bill) Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
The Honorable Richard "Dickie" Bell, Virginia House of Delegates  
Margaret Schultze, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)  
Joe Paxton, Rockingham County Administrator  
Karen Kimsey, Deputy Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)  
Pamela Kestner, Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Andrew Block, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)  
Jeff Aaron, Director, Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents (CCCA)  
Eric Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Susan Cumbia Clare, Executive Director, Office of Comprehensive Services (OCS)  
Scott Reiner, Assistant Director (OCS)  
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Assistant (OCS)

**Call to Order**

Secretary Hazel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. He noted that Mr. Block had agreed to serve as a member of the Executive Committee. The minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved without objection.

Secretary Hazel reported briefly on the Governor's Executive Order creating the Children's Cabinet dedicated to the education, health, safety and welfare of Virginia's children and youth. Secretary of Education, Anne Holton and Secretary Hazel will serve as co-chairs of the Cabinet. The Governor has also established the Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success which will be chaired by Lt. Governor Ralph Northam.

Secretary Hazel also reported briefly on the state budget situation, which is not promising, and also on a meeting with Fairfax officials on their use of dashboard data to inform/change business practices.

**Preparing for the SEC Meeting**

**Reports on SAMHSA Grant (Advancing Systems of Care Statewide)**

Susan Clare reported that at the SEC's September 18 meeting, Janet Lung (DBHDS) and Scott Reiner (OCS) will be updating members on SAMHSA grant activities to expand Virginia's System of Care (SOC) statewide. Mrs. Lung will focus her report on an overview of SOC and specific grant activities while Mr. Reiner will focus on intensive care coordination and high fidelity wraparound.

**Retreat Follow-up**

Mrs. Clare highlighted the retreat objectives which were to:

- Understand access barriers to publicly funded behavioral health services for CSA eligible and target populations.
- Identify policy and/or statutory changes necessary to remove barriers that hinder access to publicly funded behavioral health services for CSA eligible and target populations.

- Identify value statements and/or guiding principles to facilitate implementation of best practices to ensure access to behavioral health services for CSA eligible and target populations.

In accordance with the SEC's strategic goal to "support implementation of a unified system of care that ensures equal access to quality services for at risk youth across the Commonwealth," small groups were asked to examine issues that had been identified as barriers to quality care, specifically as it related to behavioral health services.

Mrs. Clare reported that Committee members had copies of the individual group reports from the Retreat as well as a report summary prepared from the four individual group sessions. She noted that the groups did not report out at the Retreat in order to allow each group more time for discussion.

The individual group reports and recommendations were reported on as follows:

- Group 1 – Karen Kimsey, Facilitator – Addressed issues around youth placed in residential settings without CSA involvement and without funding for educational services.  
Recommendations from the group included:
  - "Pending" authorizations for Level C residential placements until review by FAPT.
  - Timely access by a family to FAPT along with increasing family and public awareness about CSA.
  - Providing 100% state funding for educational costs in Level C residential placements for children not involved with the CSA system or who are placed despite CSA recommendation for an alternate, community-based service.
- Group 2 - Jeff Aaron, Member – Mr. Aaron explained that the group revised the original problem statement to look at areas of early intervention, fairness and consistency of services and alternatives to facility placements.  
Recommendations from the group included:
  - Clarifying roles and responsibilities of state, local, community, family and private providers in our SOC. Identifying a "front door" to services/funding.
  - Evaluating the use of non-mandated CSA funds and applying standards to be used for all localities.
  - Scheduling presentations from localities that have implemented a SOC with a focus on providing prevention services and access to services/funding.
  - Encouraging specific services or approaches by adjusting the rate for matching funding for non-mandated CSA funds.
- Group 3 – Margaret Schultze, Facilitator – Addressed issues of poor outcomes for youth placed in foster care for reasons of truancy and delinquency.  
Recommendations from the group included:
  - Providing clarification regarding eligibility of these youth (truant and delinquent) for CSA funding as a "child in need of services" and in need of "foster care services" (including community-based services) and ensuring consideration of a child's "condition" in the CHINS eligibility determination language.
  - Supporting creation of a Children's Cabinet – has been done.
  - Encouraging the creation of dispositional alternatives that would allow access to services for CHINS youth without the requirement of foster care services.
  - Supporting expansion of foster care until 21.

- Group 4 – Joe Paxton, Facilitator – Addressed the need to ensure appropriate representation of stakeholder interests in SEC decision-making processes.

Recommendations from the group included:

- SLAT, per its statutory role to advise the SEC, should perform the function of conducting comprehensive analysis of the impact of proposed policies on stakeholder groups.
- A representative of VACo or VML should serve as liaison between the SLAT and local government officials and be invited to participate in SLAT meetings as an informal, non-voting stakeholder representative. This change has been implemented.
- The SLAT Chair should be invited to sit at the table of SEC meetings to actively engage in its discussions. This change has been implemented.

After discussion, the members expressed desire to support the following recommendations:

- Proposed policy changes to DMAS regulations requiring that the Certificate of Need (CON) for Level C residential placements be pended for review by FAPT. Karen Kimsey will research further to see what would need to be done by DMAS to affect this change.
- Furthering in local practice the concept of “front door” or “no wrong door” approach to services and funding. This concept needs to be described and “fleshed out”.
- Issue clarification regarding eligibility for CSA via CHINS determination and update guidance to ensure consideration of a child’s “condition” in CHINS eligibility determinations.
- Adjust the match rate for non-mandated expenditures to encourage use of funds for youth not mandated for services.
- Expansion of foster care to 21.

#### **Orientation for New SEC Members**

Mrs. Clare reported that an orientation session for new members would be provided directly before the September 18 SEC meeting.

#### **Membership of Executive, Finance, Outcomes Committees**

Mrs. Clare suggested the addition of new SEC members to the SEC Committees. She noted that Debra Ferguson, DBHDS Commissioner, has agreed to serve on the Finance Committee and Mr. Block on the Executive Committee.

#### **Adjournment**

Committee members asked for a presentation from DJJ at the December SEC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.