

State Executive Council (SEC) Executive Committee Meeting
Hanover Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229
February 21, 2019

Attending:

The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors (*by telephone*)
Courtney Gaskins, Ph.D., Director of Program Services, Youth for Tomorrow
S. Hughes Melton, M.D., Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
Duke Storen, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)
Angela Valentine for Andrew Block, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
Tammy Whitlock for Jennifer Lee, M.D., Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)
Kim Piner, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children's Services (OCS)
Zandra Relaford, Assistant Director (OCS)
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Assistant (OCS)

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Carey called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. A motion allowing Ms. Biggs to participate in the meeting by telephone was made by Hughes Melton, seconded by Courtney Gaskins and carried.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by Courtney Gaskins and carried.

SEC Administrative Matters

Mr. Reiner reported on the following:

- Status of SEC Membership
 - Terms for Sophia Booker (service recipient) and parent representatives, Jessica Stern and Jeanette Troyer expire on June 30, 2019. All three are eligible for reappointment. Mr. Reiner has contacted them to see if they would like to continue to serve.
 - The Senate of Virginia Rules Committee will appoint a replacement for Senator Wexton who is now serving in the United States House of Representatives. The appointment should be made by the time the SEC meets in June.
 - Delegate Bell has announced his retirement from the Virginia House of Delegates and Catherine Hudgins will be retiring from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

- Status of Reestablishment of the Finance and Audit Committee

The SEC at their December 2018 meeting reestablished the SEC Finance and Audit Committee and appointments have been made. SEC members appointed to the Committee include Morgan Quicke, Mary Biggs, Jennifer Lee, Hughes Melton and Duke Storen.

The reestablished committee will hold its first meeting on February 27, 2019. The agenda will include an orientation to the CSA finance and audit process. The committee will make a report at the March SEC meeting.

- **Biennial CSA Progress Report and SEC Strategic Plan**

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 will meet with the SEC Executive Committee in August in advance of the September 19 session. SEC members will be able to review the Biennial Progress Report and Strategic Plan at their December meeting before its submission to the General Assembly.

During discussion Secretary Carey, asked that a survey be prepared for dissemination to SEC and SLAT members to gather their input on areas of focus for strategic planning purposes. Survey results would be discussed at the May Executive Committee meeting. Time should also be allocated for discussion at the June SEC meeting with Dr. Toscano in attendance if possible.

Legislative and Budget Update

Mr. Reiner reported that the legislative session is scheduled to end on February 23. He noted that JLARC would be studying the special education system, including CSA and private day education services.

Budget amendments still to be determined include:

- Delay in the report on the study of private day rates from July 2019 to October 2019
- Implementation of outcome measures for private day schools

Other CSA budget considerations include:

- An adjustment in appropriation for caseload and utilization (reduction of \$6M in FY19 and FY20)
- A limit in expenditure growth in CSA (reduction of \$10M in FY20 to reflect a lower rate of spending growth for private day special education rates). Rates paid by localities for these services shall not exceed two percent above the rates paid in the prior fiscal year.
- To-date (FY19), a significant increase in foster care expenditures due to changes in eligibility for Title-IVE funding and other potential causes under review.

Status of SEC Continuous Quality Improvement Project

Mrs. Relaford provided the Committee with an update on the 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 and is designed to be user friendly for localities. Training for the five pilot sites (nine localities) will begin next week and continue into March. The new CQI process will also be previewed at the CSA Conference.

Completion and Release of FY18 CSA Statewide Outcomes Report

Members received a copy of the Outcomes Report with their materials. Mr. Reiner reported that the report would be posted on-line. SEC members will receive notification that the report is available.

March 21 SEC Meeting Agenda Items

The following items will be included on the March 21 SEC meeting agenda:

- Status of the Private Day Special Education Cost and Rate Setting Study
- Status of SEC CQI project and report on pilot site training and next steps

- Update: Family First Prevention Services Act (VDSS) and DMAS/DBHDS Behavioral Health Redesign (DMAS)

Additional items to be included:

- Part 1 of an in-depth review of the opioid crisis. Part 2 will be presented at the SEC's June 20 meeting.

New Business

Other topics discussed included:

- Unaccompanied, undocumented minors entering the United States
- Racial equity issues in the foster care system
- Format of SEC meetings

Adjournment

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