

**STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SEC)
FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES
East Reading Room
Patrick Henry Building
1111 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA
Thursday, September 21, 2017**

SEC Members Present:

The Honorable William A. (Bill) Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources (*Chair*)
Jack Barber, Interim Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health
and Developmental Services
The Honorable Richard "Dickie" Bell, Member, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors
Sophia Booker, Service Recipient Representative
Courtney Gaskins, Ph.D., Director of Program Services, Youth for Tomorrow
Bob Hicks for Dr. Marissa Levine, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health
The Honorable Catherine Hudgins, Member, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Sandra Karison for Karl Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia
The Honorable Sheila Olem, Council Member, Town of Herndon
R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator, Richmond County
Margaret Schultze, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services
The Honorable Frank Somerville, Presiding Judge, 16th Judicial District, Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Jeanette Troyer, Parent Representative
Angela Valentine for Andrew Block, Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice
The Honorable Jennifer Wexton, Member, Senate of Virginia

SEC Members Absent:

Patricia Haymes, for Steven Staples, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia Department
of Education
Cindi Jones, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
Maurice Jones, City Manager, City of Charlottesville
Elizabeth O'Shea, Parent Representative
Greg Peters, President and CEO, UMFS
Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., Chair, State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT)

Other Staff Present:

Scott Reiner, Executive Director, OCS
Eric Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Stephanie Bacote, Program Audit Manager, OCS
Rendell Briggs, Program Auditor, OCS
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Staff Assistant, OCS

Call to Order

Secretary Hazel called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He noted that he had just been with the Governor at an event to celebrate reaching the Healthy Virginia goal of 35,000 additional children covered by the FAMIS programs.

Public Comment

Public comment was made by Bill Elwood representing the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF) and the Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Associations (VCOPPA) on private special education concerns related to the 2017 Virginia General Assembly Study to Manage the Quality and Costs of Private Day Educational Placements Funded through the Children's Services Act.

Three public comments were made on proposed SEC Policy 4.7 – Response to Audit Findings:

- Katie Boyle representing the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo)
- Janet Areson representing the Virginia Municipal League (VML)
- Jessica Webb, representing Roanoke County and the Cities of Roanoke and Salem

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting were approved without objection.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- At this point in time, FY2017 CSA expenditures are approximately 4.6 percent (\$15M) greater than FY2016, within the increase projected by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). The greatest increase in expenditures (\$14.6M) is seen in private day education.
- In accordance with the Appropriation Act, SEC members received in their meeting packet a required Deficit Provision Act Notification. The required form has been submitted to DPB.
- Staff members of Senate Finance and House Appropriations continue their work on the General Assembly assignment to examine the options and determine the actions necessary to better manage the quality and costs of private day educational programs currently funded through the CSA. Their report is due to the General Assembly by November 1.
- A work group convened to examine and recommend revisions to the service delivery and pricing model for independent living arrangements for youth over the age of 18 enrolled in the VDSS Fostering Futures Program has met three times. Recommendations from the work group are due in December and will be issued jointly from VDSS/CSA.
- The SEC's Outcomes Committee will be meeting in the next 30 days. A report is due in mid-November on the project with DJJ on CSA children/youth, under the age of 18, who exited the CSA system in 2015 and were subsequently arrested or rearrested within a one-year time period. OCS continues to work with the Virginia Longitudinal Data System (VLDS) on potential data projects, especially around educational outcomes.

SLAT Report

Mr. Reiner reported that Dr. Temoney, the SLAT Chair, was not able to attend today's meeting. He reported that SLAT is currently engaged in information gathering as part of their work plan focusing on gaining a better understanding of congregate care, prevention of congregate care and discharge planning. SLAT recently disseminated a Family Engagement Survey to CSA Coordinators which is due back shortly.

Proposed SEC Policy on Response to Audit Findings

Secretary Hazel reported that the proposed policy would not be ready for a vote today. Questions have been raised by the Attorney General's Office concerning the role of Medicaid as payer in relationship to aspects of the proposed policy.

Secretary Hazel asked that the SEC use the time today to discuss any outstanding issues concerning the proposed policy. He noted that the SEC's Finance and Audit Committee recommended development of a policy to provide direction to the OCS Executive Director in response to audit findings of non-compliance by local CSA programs. Adjustments to the proposed policy were made based on the public comments received during the recently concluded public comment period.

During discussion, Catherine Hudgins and Mary Biggs offered additional comments. Additional comments were also offered on behalf of the Prince William CPMT. Several questions raised during today's public comment period were addressed. The proposed policy would become effective for the second audit cycle (2017, 2018 and 2019). Mr. Reiner reminded everyone that localities have access to a two-step appeals process (informal and formal) if a locality is denied financial reimbursement for expenditures.

After further discussion, it was suggested that members of the SEC's Finance and Audit Committee along with OCS staff (perhaps with assistance from SLAT) address the remaining outstanding issues with VACo and VML. Amendments to the proposed policy will be posted for public comment prior to the December meeting. SEC members agreed to this plan without objection.

Member Updates

Secretary Hazel provided members with an update on budget and legislative activities as relates to transition planning. He also provided an update on issues at the state and national level of interest to the Health and Human Resources Secretariat.

Secretary Hazel asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. Members reported on initiatives, upcoming conferences 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.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.