

AGENDA
State & Local Advisory Team (SLAT)
Children's Services Act

Thursday, February 2, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229

- 9:30 Introductions & Chair Remarks – Tamara Temoney**
- 9:40 Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2016 Meeting**
- 9:45 OCS Report – Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children's Services**
 - **Legislative Update**
- 10:00 Update on DMAS/Magellan IACCT Implementation**
- 10:20 Continued Development of the SLAT Work Plan**
- 11:40 Member Updates**
- 12:00 Adjourn**

2017 SLAT Meetings: April 6; June 1; August 3; October 5; December 7

**MINUTES – December 1, 2016
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CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT
Richmond/Henrico Rooms
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA**

Members Present: Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., SLAT Chair, CPMT – LDSS Representative; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, CSA Coordinators Network; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative; Audrey Brown, Parent Representative; Ron Belay, CPMT – CSU Representative; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Brian Campbell, DMAS; Carl Ayers, VDSS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS

Members Absent: Letha Fisher, VDH

Guests and Staff Members Present: (list attached), Scott Reiner, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Tamara Temoney, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Carl Ayers, seconded by Ron Belay and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

OCS Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- The reports due annually to the General Assembly have been submitted and posted.
- Options for increasing the integration of children receiving special education in private day settings into their home school districts (*2016 Appropriation Act – Chapter 780, Item 285 M (i)*) were submitted and posted on November 1.
- Options for funding educational costs for students placed in psychiatric residential treatment facilities for non-educational reasons authorized by Medicaid (*2016 Appropriation Act – Chapter 780, Item 285 M (ii)*) were submitted and posted on November 1.
- CSA has developed and published a quarterly newsletter. The newsletter can be found on the CSA website in the Resource Library.
- The Knowledge Center is not available due to issues with the launch of the new site.

Update on DMAS/Magellan IACCT Implementation

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Reiner provided an update on the status of the changes to the CON process for all Medicaid eligible youth who are being referred for potential admission to a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) or therapeutic group home. Beginning January 2, 2017, assessments will be conducted by an Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT).

Mr. Reiner has scheduled a meeting for December 12 with stakeholders that have been involved in groups that have studied and made recommendations regarding CSA practices and residential treatment. The purpose of the meeting will be to review proposed CSA guidance on the IACCT process.

As requested by SLAT at its October meeting, a letter outlining concerns was sent to Secretary Hazel. During discussion the question was raised concerning whether or not implementation of the new DMAS regulations could be delayed and if the regulations have been issued or posted. Mr. Campbell noted that the regulations have not been issued or posted as they are waiting to be certified by the Attorney General's Office. There is no plan to delay implementation of the regulations.

Mr. Reiner explained that CSA will continue to provide funding for services as duly authorized by the CSA process. At the conclusion of the update, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Reiner received and addressed comments and questions from SLAT members and guests.

Continued Development of the SLAT Work Plan

Dr. Temoney explained that the remainder of the meeting would be used to continue discussion of the SLAT Work Plan based on the goals and strategies for the FY16-FY18 biennial plan endorsed by the SEC and SLAT at their joint retreat last December.

Dr. Temoney asked that SLAT members consider three to five key areas to inform the strategies and or activities identified for SLAT in the strategic plan. Mrs. Reilly-Jones noted that it would be beneficial to use the reports made to the General Assembly to provide a framework for the discussion.

As discussion proceeded several areas of interest were discussed. SLAT agreed to begin by reviewing congregate care, which includes the areas of foster care, IEPs, access, and prevention. SLAT members were asked to submit their questions about congregate care to Dr. Temoney so that action items can be developed at SLAT's February meeting.

Member Updates

Brian Campbell reported on a new benefit through Medicaid to address the opioid epidemic in Virginia. The Medicaid Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) benefit will become effective April 1, 2017. Phase one of implementation begins January 2017 with network development and training.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Angela Neely seconded by Susan Aylor and carried.

**GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE FY16-FY18 BIENNIAL PLAN
ENDORSED BY THE SEC AND SLAT - December 3, 2015**

GOAL 1: Support implementation of a singular, unified system of care that ensures equal access to quality services for at risk youth across the Commonwealth.

Strategy	Responsible Body	Target Completion Date
1. Continue promotion of High Fidelity Wraparound/ Intensive Care Coordination as an evidence-based intervention through sustaining the activities of the HFW Center of Excellence on the expiration of federal grant funding (9/30/16) and continued collaboration with state and local partners to advance the practice of HFW and expand funding options for the intervention.	SEC, SLAT and OCS	Ongoing
2. Increase family participation in all aspects of the system of care by enhanced support for a child-centered, family-focused system by policy guidance and support of practices to increase family access and voice in the CSA process, including provision of ongoing training opportunities in this area.	SEC, SLAT and OCS	Ongoing
3. Review, clarify, and revise as necessary, relevant SEC policies that impact access to and quality of services (e.g., CSA eligibility as a Child in Need of Services, "Carve Out of Allocation for Development of New Services). Continue efforts to align SEC policies with those of other child-serving agencies as appropriate.	SEC	6/30/2017
4. Work with the Department of Education and other state and local stakeholders to examine and improve practices and develop greater collaboration with CSA regarding the placement of students with educational disabilities in the least restrictive environment. Review and recommend/adopt adjustments to SEC policy on the use of special education wraparound funds as appropriate.	SEC, SLAT OCS	6/30/2017
5. Work with/assist the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and other appropriate agencies and groups to revise regulations governing residential treatment for children and adolescents to ensure consistent access, care coordination and improved outcomes.	OCS	6/30/2017
6. Support cross-secretariat leadership (i.e., HHR, Education, and Public Safety and Homeland Security) through the Governor's Children's Cabinet on policy, funding and practice issues to enhance outcomes for high-risk populations including youth involved in the juvenile justice system and those at-risk of long-term school suspension or expulsion due to emotional and/or behavioral problems.	SEC OCS	Ongoing

GOAL 2: Support informed decision making through utilization of data to improve child and family outcomes and public and private provider performance in the provision of services through the Children's Services Act.

Strategy	Responsible Body	Target Completion Date
1. Improve availability of meaningful data via statistics on the CSA web page and expand information via data "dashboards". Work with local governments to define relevant data for inclusion, specifically common outcome metrics across the CSA service array.	SEC Outcome Committee, SLAT and OCS	Ongoing
2. Continue to enhance collection, analysis, availability and utilization of appropriate client, local and state level data to enable comprehensive analysis of needs, services, providers, and outcomes. Utilize data and predictive analytics as a basis for quality improvement activities. Explore opportunities for follow-up after receiving CSA services to determine long-term outcomes.	SEC Outcome Committee, SLAT and OCS	Ongoing
3. Enhance utilization and value of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS) for service planning and identification of needs by release of and training on the new CANVaS 2.0 software platform which will include enhanced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> child level reporting capabilities to allow needs and strengths identification, progress monitoring, and adjustments of service plans assessment of a child's experiences of trauma ability (for children in the foster care system) to assess needs and strengths in the areas of safety, permanency and well-being and for concurrent permanency planning. 	OCS VDSS	6/30/2017

GOAL 3: Improve the operational effectiveness and accountability of CSA administration.

Strategy	Responsible Body	Target Completion Date
1. Develop and implement guidelines for the process of SEC promulgation of policies including stages and time frames for public notice, public comment, and evaluation of potential state and local fiscal impact	SEC	6/30/2017
2. Develop and adopt clear policy guidance regarding criteria for denial of CSA state pool funds in response to audit findings and subject to the SEC Dispute Resolution Policy	SEC and SEC Finance and Audit Committee	06/30/2017
3. Continue engagement of CPMT representatives (including parents and private providers), juvenile judges, school superintendents, government administrators, and elected leaders in local administration of the CSA through increased opportunities for education and dialogue.	SLAT and OCS	Ongoing
4. Enhance integration of fiscal and data reporting requirements and systems to reduce local administrative burden and improve accuracy and utility of data for program evaluation and improvement and fiscal operations.	OCS and SEC Finance and Audit Committee	6/30/2017
5. Continue implementation of a robust training plan including development and implementation of a group of e-learning courses to make training on core CSA policies and practices available "on-demand", especially for newly hired staff of local child-serving agencies.	SLAT and OCS	Ongoing
6. Build/enhance a systemic culture of collaboration across state and local CSA stakeholders through technical assistance in team building, communication, consensus building, etc.	SLAT and OCS	Ongoing
7. Enhance collaboration between SLAT and SEC through periodic joint meetings for review of strategic planning initiatives.	SEC and SEC	Ongoing