

**MINUTES – April 4, 2013**  
**STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)**  
**COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR AT RISK YOUTH & FAMILIES**  
**Richmond Room**  
**1604 Santa Rosa Road**  
**Richmond, VA 23229**

**Members Present:** Victor Evans, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators' Network; Jeannie Decker, CSA Coordinators' Network; Karen Tompkins, VCOPPA; Penny Combs, VCOPPA; The Honorable Anita Filson, Virginia Council of Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges (VCJDRDCJ); Janet Lung, DBHDS; Alex Kamberis, VDSS; Scott Reiner, DJJ; Shawn Rozier, League of Social Services Executives; Ronald Belay, CSU Directors' Association; Susan Clark, Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education (VCASE); Chuck Walsh, Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB); Pat Haymes, DOE; Sandra Brown, DMAS

**Members Absent:** Joanne Boise, VDH; Deborah Johnson, DOE; Mark Hinson, Parent Representative; Emily McClellan, DMAS

**Guests and Staff Members Present:** Emily Abercrombie, Abigail Schreiner, Therese Wolf, Jana Carter, Mills Jones, Brady Nemeyer, Leah Hamaker, Karen Reilly-Jones, Susan Clare, Annette Larkin, Janice Graham, Deborah Pegram, Marsha Mucha

**Introductions and Chair Remarks**

Victor Evans, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked for introductions. He reminded members of the purpose of SLAT as noted on the bottom of each meeting's agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Ronald Belay, seconded by Susan Clark and carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Director's Report**

Susan Clare reported on the following items:

- Twenty localities that use Thomas Brothers' software have uploaded three years of CSA and Title IV-E historical expenditure data (FY10, FY11 and FY12) for data integration and analysis. Three years of CANS, OASIS and VEMAT data have been uploaded and DMAS is uploading Medicaid expenditures for behavioral health services. A prototype of the data integration and analysis system will be available for OCS in May.
- Registration for the CSA Conference will close on April 19, 2013. The Conference will be held at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center on April 30 and May 1, 2013. A pre-conference session for CSA coordinators will be held on April 29. So far, 366 participants are registered to attend the conference with 84 pre-conference participants registered. Forty-six vendors are also registered. A link to the Conference website is available on the CSA website.
- Three overview trainings from the University of Maryland related to the Systems of Care philosophy and the High Fidelity Wraparound model have been held. Additional overview

trainings are planned for Bristol and Salem along with a session at the CSA Conference in Roanoke. Plans are being finalized for the Intensive Care Coordinator series of trainings.

- Revised drafts of the Intensive Care Coordination and Use of State Pool Funds for Medicaid Eligible Services policies were read for the second time at the SEC's March 14, 2013 meeting. No action was taken on either policy at that meeting.

It was noted at the SEC meeting, that because of statutory and Appropriation Act requirements, OCS must apply the regulations and policies established by DMAS regarding the appropriateness of the use of CSA pool funds for the purchase of community-based behavioral health services. The SEC also requested that the Attorney General's Office conduct a second review of the statutes relative to Medicaid eligibility and the use of state pool funds for Medicaid eligible services.

The SEC's Executive Committee will meet with a special expanded SLAT executive committee of five members to examine potential issues around the revised draft Use of State Pool Funds for Medicaid Eligible Services policy. This group will report to the SEC at the SEC's July 30, 2013 meeting.

The revised draft Intensive Care Coordination policy is scheduled to be adopted at the SEC's April 30, 2013 meeting.

- The SEC approved the appointment of two stakeholder workgroups:
  - *CSA Service Names and Descriptions* – The purpose of this workgroup will be to establish standardized service names and corresponding descriptions in order to enhance the value of data analysis when reporting the services purchased under CSA, and to establish clear distinction between various services.
  - *Standardizing Levels of Care in Treatment Foster Care* – The purpose of this workgroup will be to address two of the issues identified by the original TFC Workgroup:
    - The need for private child placing agencies to offer basic level, i.e. non-treatment, foster care services.
    - The need for greater uniformity across private child placing agencies in the offered levels of treatment foster care.

The workgroup will also examine DMAS regulations and provider requirements for TFC-CM and licensing requirements of VDSS for Licensed Child Placing Agencies and provide recommendations to ensure clarity and consistency across agency recommendations.

### **SLAT Training Committee Report**

Shawn Rozier reported for the SLAT Training Committee. (*Written report attached.*) The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2013. Mr. Rozier encouraged members to participate on the Committee.

A short discussion followed Mr. Rozier's report. Mrs. Clare noted that OCS maintains a training calendar on the CSA website. Agencies may have trainings posted to the calendar that are open to parties outside their agencies.

### **SEC Goals and Strategies**

#### **Goal 1, Strategy 1**

*Policies that govern use of funds (CSA pool funds, Medicaid, Title IV-E, PSSF, VJCCCA, MH Initiative)*

SAMHSA System of Care Implementation Grant

Mr. Evans asked Janet Lung and Susan Clare to report. Ms. Lung reported that one requirement of the Implementation Grant would dovetail nicely with the work SLAT has undertaken in regards to the strategy noted above. Since SLAT is looking at funding streams, SLAT is being asked to work with the SAMHSA grant implementation team to coordinate that work with the grant requirement for development of a “fiscal plan” for system of care.

After some discussion, Mr. Evans asked SLAT to officially acknowledge that SLAT’s work on the above goal and strategy would be used to comply with the request from the SAMHSA grant implementation team to meet the grant requirement for development of a “fiscal plan” for system of care. A motion was made by Scott Reiner, seconded by Chuck Walsh and carried to make this acknowledgment.

Mr. Evans reported that Joanne Boise was not able to attend today’s meeting to present the Health Department’s matrix of funding sources related to CSA. He asked Mrs. Clare to report on the funding sources for CSA.

Since SLAT meets every other month, discussion focused on how to complete the matrix reviews in a timely fashion. SLAT members agreed to devote more of the June 6, 2013 agenda to review of the matrixes. The following matrixes will be on the June 6 agenda: DJJ, OCS, DMAS and DBHDS. Janet Lung agreed to provide a format to facilitate a focused discussion. Each of the presentations will conclude with SLAT members identifying alignment issues/concerns. A chart of what is identified will be kept from one meeting to the next.

**Goal 1, Strategy 5**

*Inadvertent fiscal incentives (Medicaid match, family-of-one eligibility, education costs, adoption subsidy)*

Mr. Evans reminded SLAT members that two items were reported at SLAT’s February 7, 2013 meeting. In order see if SLAT was on the right track in meeting this strategy, he reported both of these items at the March 14, 2013 SEC meeting. Mr. Evans further reported that the SEC affirmed that these are the types of items the SEC is looking for when addressing this strategy.

Further discussion was held on whether or not SLAT should work on both strategies simultaneously or focus on one and then the other. The work on both strategies is to be completed by June 30, 2014. SLAT members agreed to focus on only the first strategy now which should aid in meeting the second strategy.

**Status of Proposed Policy on Use of State Pool Funds for Medicaid Eligible Services**

Summary of March 14, 2013 SEC Meeting

As noted in Mrs. Clare’s report, no action was taken at the SEC meeting on the revised draft policy. Revisions to the draft policy focus on three community-based behavioral health services: Intensive In-Home, Therapeutic Day Treatment, and Mental Health Support Services.

SEC/SLAT Special Workgroup

As noted in Mrs. Clare’s report, the SEC’s Executive Committee and the SLAT’s expanded Executive Committee will examine the implementation issues of the revised draft policy. Since SLAT’s Executive Committee consists of the Chair and Vice-Chair, three additional SLAT members were named to serve to equal the number of members on the SEC’s Executive Committee. The SLAT members serving on the

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workgroup are: Victor Evans, Karen Tompkins, Mark Hinson, Scott Reiner and Shawn Rozier. SLAT members continued to express concern with the direction of proposed policy to place an emphasis on how Medicaid criteria can overly restrict the holistic assessment criteria required of CPMTs and FAPTs to determine CSA-funded services.

### **Nominating Committee**

Karen Tompkins, on behalf of the Nominating Committee (*Karen Tompkins, Mark Hinson, Janet Lung and Susan Clark*), reported that the Nominating Committee recommends Victor Evans for SLAT Chair and Karen Tompkins for SLAT Vice-Chair for FY 2014. Election of officers will take place at SLAT's June 6, 2013 meeting.

### **Agency Member Updates**

The SLAT representatives whose terms to SLAT expire on June 30, 2013 (*parents, judges, local DSS and school representatives*) provided an update on the appointment process for the groups they represent. SLAT members also provided updates on any primary and/or alternate position vacancies. Mrs. Clare agreed to use OCS resources to contact applicable parent organizations to seek nominations for a parent rep.

Mr. Evans asked SLAT members to provide brief updates on any news, legislative or budgetary activities affecting their agencies or organizations.

Pat Haymes, DOE, reported that significant cuts to special education funding may have resulting impact on CSA. Less funding for school's SPED personnel may impact the ability of public school programs to meet the needs of students resulting in increased private day placements.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

## **SLAT Training Committee Report April 4, 2013**

The training committee met on March 15, 2013, and completed the following:

1. Reviewed the assessment of training needs by stakeholder group

Nine responsive surveys were received by the committee. Outreach to other stakeholder group representatives has been made subsequent to the committee meeting. Current responses showed priority training topics to be: Systems of Care, Funding Topics (Maximizing Funds/Cost Containment), and Special Education and CSA. It was apparent that stakeholders in juvenile justice and mental health were interested in how their youth can access CSA funding. The preferred method of training modality was in-person to include regional formats. Other modalities such as on-line training, video conferencing, and webinars were mentioned sporadically. The committee discussed the issue of training modalities, and it recommends that skills training be done in-person, and knowledge topics be handled on-line. Skills training in-person provides better opportunity for learning that changes behavior, and can build in measures related to the effectiveness of the training.

2. Reviewed the annual OCS training report

The report is clearly linked to the training plan in an excellent manner. The committee recommended using incentives or other methods to ensure more completions of overall conference surveys this upcoming year. It was also recommended that OCS consider measuring whether the mentors and their new coordinators continued to collaborate together after the new coordinator's academy. A work plan will be developed by the committee for the review of training outcomes and feedback.

3. Reviewed the draft 2014 OCS training plan

The committee recommends that Trauma Informed Care and Service Strategies for Non-Mandated Youth be added to the plan as two training topics.

4. Discussed OCS request regarding curriculum objectives

OCS requested that the committee work with their staff to review curriculum objectives for training courses that are either under development or are being reviewed. The committee agreed to pilot the process with two courses at its next meeting. This will allow the committee to assess its ability to provide useful feedback within the priorities and time constraints of the committee's work.