

MINUTES – April 7, 2016
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA

Members Present: Ronald Belay, SLAT Chair, CPMT - CSU Representative; Audrey Brown, Parent Representative; Cristy Corbin, Parent Representative; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; The Honorable Frank Somerville, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, CSA Coordinators Network; Pat Haymes, DOE; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Alex Kamberis, VDSS; Janet Areson, VML

Members Absent: Brian Campbell, DMAS; Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Janet Lung, DBHDS

Guests and Staff Members Present: Kyle McMahon, Brady Nemeyer, Mills Jones, Scott Zeiter, Penny Combs, Tracy Johnson, Vassi Griffis, Leah Mills, Scott Reiner, Howard Sanderson, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Ron Belay, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Karen Reilly-Jones, seconded by Audrey Brown and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following:

General Assembly Update - The Governor has signed HB369. The bill adds the chairman of the SLAT to the SEC and adds a representative who has previously received services through CSA to the membership of the SEC and SLAT.

The state budget includes \$18M in funding to cover the state share of CSA expenditures for FY16 that resulted from increased expenditures. This amount is also provided in the FY16-FY18 biennial budget. Other items included in the biennial budget are: MEL and funding to add two auditor positions within OCS and \$500,000 to support local CSA administrative costs.

Budget language was included to address issues of reintegration of children receiving special education private day treatment services into their home school districts and to re-examine the funding of education for children placed in residential treatment via Medicaid funding outside the CSA process.

Public Participation Policy – Public Comment Period – Members were provided a copy of the proposed policy on Public Participation in Policy-making Actions of the SEC. At the SEC’s March 17, 2016 meeting,

the draft policy was approved for a 60-day public comment period. Public comments are due by May 23, 2016.

CANVaS 2.0 Update – The enhanced version of CANVaS is anticipated to be released July 1, 2016. The updated uniform assessment instrument includes upgrades for DSS and new reporting features. Training materials are being developed and are scheduled to be out in mid-May. There will be a demonstration of the enhanced software at the CSA Conference later this month.

Annual Conference Update – The annual CSA Conference will be held April 27-28, 2016 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Registration is now open. Tuesday afternoon, April 26, 2016, a special session will be held for CSA coordinators.

Report on New CSA Coordinator Academy – The New CSA Coordinator Academy was held March 8-10, 2016. There were 27 new CSA coordinators in attendance. Overall evaluations from the Academy were positive.

FY2017 OCS Training Plan

Members received a copy of the draft training plan for review. Comments or suggestions should be sent to Mr. Reiner. The SEC is expected to adopt the draft plan at its June 2016 meeting.

Preview of eLearning Module 1: CSA for New Local DSS Employees

Mr. Reiner offered a preview of the first of five eLearning modules being developed for training of LDSS staff on CSA. When completed, the training series will be housed in and accessible through the Knowledge Center.

Discussion of SLAT Work Plan Item

Proposed Survey(s) regarding Special Education Wraparound Funds – Members had the opportunity to review and comment on proposed surveys regarding special education wraparound funds. The purpose of the surveys would be to gather information from stakeholders to utilize in informing the SEC's response to a request from the Commission on Youth (COY) to examine issues related to use of the wraparound services for students with disabilities. This request was part of a larger two-year study by COY on the use of federal, state and local funds for private educational placements of students with disabilities.

During discussion, several changes/clarifications were suggested to the surveys. There was also discussion about how to disseminate information about the survey and who should be completing the survey. Particular issues were brought up pertaining to DOE and Mr. Reiner will schedule a conference call with those parties to address those issues. Once changes and details are finalized, the surveys will be distributed.

Barriers to the Use of Non-Mandated Funds – Due to time constraints, this discussion was postponed for another meeting.

Review of Expiring SLAT Appointments

Mr. Reiner reported that the following organizations/associations had SLAT membership terms ending June 30, 2016: CPMT-LDSS; CPMT-schools; parents; and juvenile and domestic relations district court judges. Members were asked to solicit nominations from their organizations/associations for the expiring terms. Current members are eligible for nomination. Once nominations are received, they will be submitted to the SEC for approval.

It was reported that Valerie Boykin is replacing Jack Ledden as the SLAT representative from DJJ.

Appointment of SLAT Nominating Committee

Mr. Belay reported that it was time to select a Nominating Committee for the selection of a chair and vice-chair for the next fiscal year. Mr. Belay appointed Chuck Walsh (Chair), Angela Neely and Shannon Updike to serve as the Nominating Committee.

Local government representatives, including members who represent one of the different participants of CPMTs and local CSA coordinators or program managers are eligible to serve. The term of office is one year but officers may serve one additional term. The Nominating Committee will report at the June SLAT meeting.

Committee Member Updates

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. Members reported on the legislative session and noted upcoming conferences. Mr. Reiner asked that members send conference information to OCS for posting on the OCS Training Calendar. Members continue to work within their agencies, serve on workgroups and advocate through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery to the children, youth and families of Virginia.

New/Other Business

There was no new or other business to discuss.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.