

MINUTES – August 3, 2017
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA

Members Present: Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., SLAT Chair, CPMT-LDSS Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Vice-Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; The Honorable Greg Carr, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Sue Reese, DSS; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Janet Lung, DBHDS; Ann Bevan, DMAS; Ashley Harrell, DMAS; Kellie Evans, Private Provider Representative; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT-School Representative; Ron Belay, CPMT – CSU Representative

Members Absent: Sabrina Gross, DOE

Guests and Staff Members Present: Mills Jones, Katie Boyle, Julie Plotz, Penny Combs, Ronnie Gehring, Kyle McMahon, Leah Mills, Jennifer Faison, Scott Reiner, Maris Adcock, Stephanie Bacote, Brent Barcomb, Kristi Schabo, 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 June 1, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Karen Reilly-Jones, seconded by Susan Aylor and carried.

Election of Officers for FY18

Mr. Reiner reported that the bylaws allow for officers to serve two consecutive terms in the same office. He further reported that Dr. Temoney and Mrs. Reilly-Jones have agreed to serve a second term, pending approval by SLAT. There being no other nominations, Dr. Temoney and Mrs. Reilly-Jones were elected to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, for FY18 on a motion by Chuck Walsh, seconded by Valerie Boykin and approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

OCS Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *CSA expenditures* – At this point in time, FY17 CSA expenditures are approximately \$10M or 3.2 percent greater than FY16. The greatest increase in expenditures is seen in private day education.
- *Final training report* – Members received a copy of the final training report for FY17. The total number of participants receiving training during the fiscal year was 3,008.

- *CANVaS 2.0* – OCS continues to make minor adjustments to the new CANVaS 2.0 software platform. OCS will be rolling-out training on the new reporting features available in the enhanced software.
- *CSA website* – A new CSA website debuted (soft roll-out) yesterday. There are corrections that need to be made but the new website will be more user friendly and provide for a more secure account management system.
- *LEDRS* - Phase Two of the Local Expenditure, Data and Reimbursement System (LEDRS) was implemented on August 1, 2017. With the implementation of Phase 2, locality reporting has been combined into one submission. OCS will be conducting several LEDRS training webinars over the next several weeks.
- *Status of the workgroup on private day special education as passed during the 2017 General Assembly Session* – Staff of Senate Finance and House Appropriations has begun work on the General Assembly's assignment. Their report is due by November 1.
- *Independent Living Arrangement Workgroup* - OCS program consultant, Carol Wilson has convened two meetings of a workgroup 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. Representation includes OCS, VDSS, LDSS and private providers.
- *IACCT* - The Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT) was implemented July 1, 2017. Members and guests reported on their experiences with the process to date. They also discussed issues and concerns that have come to light during the first month of implementation.

Members requested that this item remain on the agenda for the October meeting. Members and guests were asked to send issues and concerns through their appropriate SLAT representative and/or organization for collection and forwarding to DMAS.

- *SEC Policy Review Initiative/SLAT Involvement* –The State Executive Council (SEC) at its June meeting approved a policy review as follows:
 - Reformatting the current CSA/SEC Policy Manual so that it is presented in a cleaner and standardized format. (This would not involve a change in policy).
 - Including guidelines adopted in conjunction with SEC policy that are not in the current Policy Manual.
 - Periodic review of the Policy Manual.

SLAT members who would like to volunteer to participate in the review process were asked to send their name to Mr. Reiner.

Final SLAT Work Plan: Implementation Strategies

Dr. Temoney reported that the SEC at its June meeting approved the SLAT work plan without objection. She further explained that she would like to open today's discussion to identify ways in which the action items could be operationalized and how the work would be disseminated.

After discussion, it was decided to form two work groups to focus on action items/strategies in the areas of (1) prevention (2) congregate care and (3) discharge planning.

Of particular note moving forward:

- Reviewing and analyzing certain data (i.e. utilization of residential treatment care by locality; ICC cases stepping down from residential; and youth aging out of congregate care).

- Reviewing work in other states (i.e. California plan for youth in foster care and other models of therapeutic foster care).
- Development of a short survey to localities on family engagement.
- Exploring the role and effectiveness of High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) in prevention and discharge planning.

Members were asked to let Dr. Temoney know which work group they would like to serve on. Data requests are to be submitted to Mr. Reiner. Work will continue at the October 5, 2017 SLAT meeting.

Member Updates

Dr. Temoney asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. Members reported on upcoming conferences, grant activities, and program reviews. Members also 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.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2017.