

MINUTES – August 4, 2016
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; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Kellie Evans, Private Provider Representative; The Honorable Greg Carr, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Victor Evans, CSA Coordinators Network; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Christina Owens, DOE; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative; Jim Nankervis, DJJ; Janet Lung, DBHDS; Ron Belay, CPMT – CSU Representative; Letha Fisher, VDH; Brian Campbell, DMAS; Carl Ayers, VDSS

Members Absent: None

Guests and Staff Members Present: Scott Reiner, Annette Larkin, Howard Sanderson, Kristi Schabo, Marsha Mucha. See attached document for additional participants.

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Tamara Temoney, incoming SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She welcomed members and guests and thanked SLAT members for the opportunity to serve as SLAT Chair. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Belay, seconded by Angela Neely and carried.

Updated SLAT Bylaws for SEC Action

SLAT members received and reviewed proposed revisions to the SLAT bylaws. The revisions were approved on a motion by Carl Ayers, seconded by Victor Evans and carried.

Special Education Wraparound Funds

- **Public Comment** - Public comment was provided by Kara Brooks, CSA Coordinator for Hanover County.
- **Brainstorming of Recommendations to the SEC** – As a precursor to the brainstorming activity, Mr. Reiner provided background information on the request from the Commission on Youth (COY) regarding the use of CSA special education wraparound funds. He also reported on the survey conducted to gather information from stakeholders to utilize in informing the SLAT recommendations to the SEC. Mr. Reiner reported that additional survey responses had been received since the presentation at the June SLAT meeting. Howard Sanderson, Senior Research Associate (VDSS/CSA) provided a brief update.

Dr. Temoney opened the floor for discussion and input on the three major areas of the COY report that SLAT has been tasked by the SEC with addressing:

*Request the State Executive Council (SEC) revisit existing policy
restrictions and budgetary constraints with CSA state pool funds for*

wrap around services for students with disabilities. This review will include whether the community match rate could be utilized, existing parental co-payment policies for additional services not include in the individualized education program (IEP), and the prohibition on using funds for non-educational services provided by school employees ...

- **Finalization of Recommendations to the SEC**

After a robust discussion, the following recommendations were approved by SLAT and will be presented to the SEC for their consideration at their September meeting:

1. Move special education wraparound funds to the community-based match category. *(Motion by Victor Evans, seconded by Chuck Walsh and carried.)*
2. No recommendation made on parental co-payments. The guidelines for assessing and instituting parental co-payments should be included in the proposed educational effort as described in recommendation 4 below. *(Motion by Victor Evans, seconded by Janet Areson and carried.)*
3. No recommendation made on the prohibition on using funds for non-educational services provided by school employees. *(Motion by Carl Ayers, seconded by Victor Evans and carried.)*
4. Direct OCS to collaborate with appropriate stakeholders to develop and implement a plan to educate state and local partners about issues related to special education wraparound funding including: eligibility and access; types of community-based services allowable; clarification of the parental co-payment requirements; process for localities to request the allocation; and encouraging early intervention practices. *(Motion by Angela Neely, seconded by Victor Evans and carried.)*

SLAT also discussed and noted that rural localities often struggle with the unavailability of community-based services due to low demand for the services and a lack of sufficiently trained workforce. Use of CSA funds to support services provided within the public school setting for students with an IEP was also discussed. Per the Superintendent of Public Instruction's memorandum of January 29, 2010, use of CSA funds in this instance is prohibited.

A separate report on these recommendations is included as Attachment A.

Committee Member Updates

Several SLAT members provided updates including:

- Fostering Futures became effective July 1, 2016. VDSS is developing a series of FAQs about the program. Questions should be referred to Carl Ayers.
- The 15th Annual Virginia Central Region CSA Training and Resource Day will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Carl Ayers, seconded by Sabrina Gross and carried.