

**MINUTES – August 6, 2015**  
**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; Penny Combs, Private Provider Representative; Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; The Honorable Frank Somerville, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Sandra Brown, DMAS; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Carl Ayers, VDSS; Karen Reilly-Jones, CSA Coordinators Network; Jack Ledden, DJJ

**Members Absent:** Jodie Wakeham, VDH; Pat Haymes, DOE

**Guests and Staff Members Present:** Leah Mills, Ty Parr, Beau Blevins, Scott Reiner, 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 June 4, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Jack Ledden, seconded by Audrey Brown and carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Reiner reported on the following:

***Update on Residential Education Policy***

Mr. Reiner provided background information on the issue of funding for educational services when a child is placed in a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) for non-educational reasons and outside of the CSA process. Several workgroups examined different aspects of the issue, and a proposed policy was disseminated for a 60-day public comment period. After receiving workgroup reports and review of the public comment, the State Executive Council (SEC) at its June 2015 meeting decided not to move forward with the proposed policy.

Concurrently, the General Assembly (2015 Session) through the Appropriation Act, directed the SEC to study the issue and make recommendations. At its June 2015 meeting, the SEC directed a small workgroup of SEC members to complete the report and develop recommendations based on the work of the previous workgroups and their examination of the issues involved.

The Workgroup has reviewed the draft report and will make the following recommendations to the SEC in their report at the SEC’s September meeting:

- Request that state general funds be allocated to cover the full cost (no local match) of educational services for children placed through Medicaid without CSA involvement in a

PRTF. This is to be a short-term solution beginning no later than FY17 while additional work is completed to fully integrate the Medicaid-only placements into the CSA system or to determine another funding mechanism. *The recommended mechanism for administering this funding would be through the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and its Behavioral Health Services Administrator, Magellan. This would be distinct from a Medicaid funded service.*

- Consider elimination or recalculation of the local Medicaid match requirements for children placed through CSA into PRTFs.
- Develop and implement a practical, short-term data collection project that would provide necessary information about the process of accessing residential treatment. Such data would include, but not be limited to: entity issuing the Certificate of Need (CON) required by Medicaid and time frames for accessing an assessment by the local community services board (CSB) and time frames for accessing the local CSA process for case planning and service implementation.

#### ***Request for Additional Administrative Funds***

Mr. Reiner reported that the SEC's Finance Committee recommended to the SEC at its June meeting that the SEC endorse an OCS budget amendment seeking additional state funding (from \$1.6M to \$2.9M) in support of local CSA administration. The SEC approved the recommendation without objection.

#### ***Final Training Summary for FY15***

Mr. Reiner provided members with the final OCS training summary for FY15 which included 42 events and 2,052 participants. He further reported that the next New CSA Coordinators' Training Academy has been scheduled for March 8 – 10, 2016. The 2016 CSA Conference is scheduled for April 27 – 28, 2016 with a pre-conference session to be held on April 26, 2016.

#### ***Update on SEC Study***

Mr. Reiner reported that a series of workgroup meetings will be held beginning August 26, 2015 to address Item 278 (E) of the Appropriation Act regarding the role of the SEC. The Performance Management Group from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) will facilitate the workgroup. One of the main areas of focus will be whether or not the SEC should be a supervisory council or a policy council and whether or not the SEC should have authority to promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. The Workgroup is to develop recommendations to be included in a report due to the General Assembly by December 1, 2015.

#### ***Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Office of Children's Services (OCS) Collaboration***

Mr. Reiner reported that DJJ has undertaken a system-wide transformation to better serve youth committed to DJJ. OCS is partnering with DJJ in support of this transformation and in their commitment to provide earlier intervention services and a continuum of care for these youth.

#### ***Update to Bylaws***

Mr. Belay reported that SLAT members previously received a copy of proposed revisions to the SLAT bylaws. He noted that all of the revisions were made in regard to statutory changes effective July 1, 2015. The revisions were accepted on a motion by Carl Ayers, seconded by Chuck Walsh and carried. The revised SLAT bylaws will be presented to the SEC at its September 2015 meeting for adoption.

#### **SLAT Training Committee Report**

Karen Reilly-Jones, Chair, reported on behalf of the Committee. She noted that for the new training year, she would like the SLAT Training Committee to focus on training needs and training gaps, along with concentrating on sharing best practices. During discussion, Mr. Reiner noted that there will be opportunity for the SLAT Training Committee to share training topics for next year's CSA Conference. Those topics should be sent to Marsha Mucha.

#### **Committee Member Updates**

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. 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 12:05 p.m.