

MINUTES – August 7, 2014
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR AT RISK YOUTH & FAMILIES
Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA

Members Present: Ronald Belay, SLAT Chair, CPMT - CSU Representative; Karen Tompkins, Vice-Chair, Private Provider Representative; Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Pat Haymes, DOE; Cristy Gallagher, Parent Representative; Penny Combs, Private Provider Representative; Jack Ledden, DJJ; Victor Evans, CSA Coordinator Representative; Jeannie Decker, CSA Coordinator Representative; Carl Ayers, VDSS; Janet Lung, DBHDS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; The Honorable Frank Somerville, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge Representative; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Jodie Wakeham, VDH

Members Absent: Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Brian Campbell, DMAS

Guests and Staff Members Present: Saniyyah Manigault, Ciera Davidson, Di Hayes, Karen Reilly-Jones, Mills Jones, Tammy Becoat-Eclou, Abigail Schreiner, Shelly Latoski, Susan Clare, Scott Reiner, Brady Nemeyer, Annette Larkin, Anna Antell, Stephanie Bacote, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Ron Belay, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed new and reappointed members and guests and asked for introductions.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jodie Wakeham and seconded by Jack Ledden to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 meeting. Mr. Evans asked for an addition to the minutes. After reading the addition, inclusion of the addition to the June 5, 2014 minutes was agreed to by Ms. Wakeham, seconded by Mr. Ledden and carried. The minutes were then approved based on the original motion made by Ms. Wakeham and seconded by Mr. Ledden.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Clare noted that she would defer her report because the items she would be reporting on are on today's agenda and she would report during discussion of those items.

Review of SLAT Bylaws

Mr. Belay explained that members had a copy of the proposed amendments to the bylaws, as discussed at the June meeting. He noted that several amendments that had been proposed would require changes to statutory language. Those proposed amendments have been noted in a separate document and are not included in proposed amendments to the bylaws the membership would be reviewing today.

SLAT will review the proposed amendments to the bylaws today and vote at the October meeting. Proposed amendments must be approved by the SEC. SLAT reviewed each of the proposed amendments with no objections noted.

SEC Retreat Follow-up

Susan Clare reported on the SEC retreat held on June 20, 2014 at Elk Hill. She noted that a number of SLAT members participated in the retreat. She noted that the retreat small group reports and recommendations will be presented to the SEC at its September 18, 2014 meeting.

Mrs. Clare reported that one of the groups discussed ways to maximize stakeholder input in the SEC's decision-making processes. That group agreed to implement several actions that directly impact upon the SLAT. These actions do not require action through the SEC nor change to bylaws or statutes. These include:

- Inviting a staff member of VACo or VML to represent local government officials in an un-official (non-voting) capacity on the SLAT. This will assure inclusion of the unique perspective of local government officials in deliberations of the SLAT and reports to the SEC. Local government officials have specific desire to assess and report potential fiscal impact of proposed policies.
- Inviting the SLAT chair to participate in an un-official (non-voting) capacity on the SEC.

During discussion it was noted that, at one time, the local health departments had a representative on SLAT. Since that position has been vacant for several years, it was hoped that that spot could be filled with a local government representative. The attempt to find a local government representative to sit on SLAT has been unsuccessful, thus the invitation for a representative from VACo or VML to attend whenever possible.

Notes of the small group reports will be presented to the SEC on September 18, 2014. Mrs. Clare agreed to ensure that the notes of the small groups are distributed to members of the SLAT.

SAMHSA Grant Activities

Janet Lung and Scott Reiner provided an update on systems of care and related grant activities. Mrs. Lung provided information on systems of care principles and background on systems of care in Virginia. She noted that the current (4-year) SAMHSA grant is only one tool in the toolbox Virginia is using to grow and sustain Virginia's system of care.

Virginia is using the SAMHSA grant for four initiatives:

- Five sub-grantees have been selected to improve their local Systems of Care through High Fidelity Wraparound: Alexandria CPMT, Fairfax CPMT, Loudoun CSB, Region 10 CSB, and UFMS and regional partners.
- Expanding workforce development opportunities by providing continuing education to behavioral health professionals and extending professional development and conference support to other child-serving agencies. For the past 2 years, DBHDS has provided support for the CSA conference and has co-sponsored the Virginia Treatment Center for Children Symposium.
- Funding for the Center of Excellence to provide training in the High Fidelity Wraparound model for ICC providers.
- Supporting and sustaining growth in the Virginia Family Network. The second annual Statewide Family and Youth Leadership Summit was held in May 2014 with over 100 participants in

attendance. Grant funds were also used to send families and youth to the National System of Care Training Institutes in July.

Scott Reiner spoke briefly about the High Fidelity Wraparound model and the training being provided on the model to providers of intensive care coordination. The key characteristics of the process are that the IFSP plan is developed by a family centered team, is individualized based on the strengths and culture of the child and their family and is needs rather than services driven.

High Fidelity Wraparound training is being provided by the Youth and Family Training Institute (YFTI) – Pennsylvania. To date, approximately 250 ICC providers have been trained in the High Fidelity Wraparound model. Trainings have begun for supervisors of practitioners of ICC. Currently the Center of Excellence is engaged in dialogue with stakeholders on providing training to purchasers of ICC services.

Mr. Reiner noted that Center of Excellence staff is available for further discussion and to call or email the Center with questions or for additional information.

Quarterly Data Report Profiles

Susan Clare presented two samples of quarterly data report profiles that can be generated through the data integration project (locality and provider profiles). Three years of historical data have been collected. Data continue to be collected on a quarterly basis. Data being collected include: CSA expenditures; Title IV-E foster care expenditures; Medicaid behavioral health services expenditures for those 18 and younger; demographics from OASIS; VEMAT and CANS.

Mrs. Clare reviewed each of the profiles. One of the features noted on both profiles was the “Alerted Provider Services” which uses a statistical model to alert for a service billed significantly higher than the model predicts. A sample list of names associated with a provider was reviewed. Mrs. Clare explained that work is still needed to address the issue of consolidating and standardizing provider names. She noted also that OCS will be seeking direct access to the integrated database hosted by SAS. This access will significantly enhance use of the data.

Data Element Standardization

As part of the continuing discussion of using data, Mrs. Clare explained that, in order to ensure meaningful analysis and reporting of data, it is essential to standardize service names and ensure common definitions. She noted that the need for standard service name definitions was highlighted in part by a proof-of-concept project in which data on CSA purchased services were collected from seven localities. Analysis of that small subset of data revealed in excess of 4,000 service names.

In March 2013, the SEC established a workgroup to identify standard service names and descriptions to be utilized statewide to report services purchased under CSA. The workgroup completed its task and reported to the SEC in March 2014. Local governments will be required to begin reporting using only the standard service names effective July 1, 2015. The service names list will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

CANS Improvements

Scott Reiner reported that the CANS software is being upgraded to CANVaS 2.0. The upgraded software will include additional assessment items to address areas of child safety, permanency,

wellbeing and trauma. The enhanced CANS will be required by DSS for all children receiving foster care services.

Training Update

Scott Reiner provided a report on OCS training activities. He noted the following during his report:

- For FY14 over 2,700 people received training, including 500 that attended the CSA Conference in Roanoke.
- OCS continues work on the on-line course catalog through the Knowledge Center.
- The 4th Annual CSA Conference will be held April 20 and 21, 2015. Requests for proposals for presentation are due by September 1, 2014. There has been some discussion about offering advanced content training as well. Please contact Mr. Reiner if you have suggestions or ideas concerning advanced training.
- Technical assistance changes are in process. OCS has initiated a "Help Desk" for technical assistance. The "Help Desk" approach will allow OCS to route inquiries to the person best suited to respond to the inquiry. OCS is also in the process of developing a CSA Users Guide which will provide practical guidance on CSA. The CSA Policy Manual is also being updated and will contain CSA statute and SEC policy.

Victor Evans reported as the new Chair of the SLAT Training Committee. The Committee's next meeting is September 16, 2014. The Committee will discuss specific goals to submit to SLAT and will report at SLAT's October meeting.

Committee Member Updates

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies or organizations. It was reported that the Central Region CSA Vendor Fair will be held on September 22, 2014. The Statewide CSA Coordinator Network meeting will be held on September 26, 2014. It was also reported that Mary Ann Bergeron has retired as the Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards. The new Executive Director is Jennifer Faison.

Members also 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.