

**MINUTES – December 4, 2014**  
**STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)**  
**COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR AT RISK YOUTH & FAMILIES**  
**Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Rd.**  
**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; John Dougherty, Private Provider Representative; Penny Combs, Private Provider Representative; Jack Ledden, DJJ; Victor Evans, CSA Coordinator Representative; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; The Honorable Frank Somerville, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Matt Behrens, DMAS; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative, Janet Areson, VML; Dean Lynch, VACo

**Members Absent:** Cristy Gallagher, Parent Representative; Jodie Wakeham, VDH; Carl Ayers, VDSS

**Guests and Staff Members Present:** Jessica Webb, Julie Payne, Tammy Becoat-Eclou, Ty Parr, Shelly Latoski, Karen Reilly-Jones, Mills Jones, Di Hayes, Ellen Harrison, Leah Mills, Susan Clare, Stephanie Bacote, Chloe Carter, 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.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Victor Evans, seconded by Jack Ledden and carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Director's Report**

Mrs. Clare deferred reporting as her report will be incorporated as part of other topics on today's agenda.

**Reports to the General Assembly**

Mrs. Clare noted that members had copies of five reports submitted to the General Assembly as required by the Appropriation Act. Those reports were:

- Impact of the Incentive Match Rate System
- Special Education Services Under the CSA
- Treatment Foster Care Services Under the CSA
- Regional and Statewide Training Regarding CSA
- Utilization of Residential Care Under the CSA

Mrs. Clare reported that formatting of the 2014 reports remains the same as the 2013 reports. The 2014 reporting indicates an increase in CSA expenditures after a period of declining expenditures over the past several years. The reports have been posted to the CSA website under CSA Reports and Publications.

### **SEC Taskforce Recommendations**

Mrs. Clare provided background information. A Taskforce of SEC members was appointed by the SEC at its September 2014 meeting to develop recommendations to address the issue of lack of public funding for educational services for youth who have been placed outside of the CSA process into RTFs and for whom Medicaid funding is authorized. The Taskforce met on October 30, 2014 and developed recommendations which were presented to the SEC's Executive Committee at their recent meeting. The recommendation will be presented to the SEC on December 18, 2014.

Recommendations from the Taskforce include a process by which, at the time of admission to either an acute care facility or a Level C RTF, the youth would be referred to the local CSB. The CSB would be responsible for referring the youth to FAPT. FAPT would review the case and develop an IFSP for the youth within 14 days of the CSB receipt of referral from the RTF.

Multiple options would be available to FAPT when reviewing a youth admitted to a level C RTF:

- FAPT may determine that the RFT placement, including its educational services, is necessary to meet the youth's needs.
- FAPT may determine the youth's needs may be met through community based services.
- FAPT may determine the RTF is necessary to meet the youth's needs, but that the school division can provide educational services to the student at the RTF.

If FAPT fails to meet and/or fails to develop an IFSP within 14 days of the receipt of notice by the CSB that the youth has been admitted to the RTF, the locality would assume responsibility for the RTF placement beginning on the first day of admission.

Parents would be asked to give consent to release confidential information regarding the youth to the local CSB and local FAPT. Parents would be informed of the need for local community review of services. Parents would also be informed of the potential development of a plan for alternative services and of their potential fiscal responsibility for educational services if the local community develops a plan for alternative services but the parent wishes to maintain the RTF placement.

Mrs. Clare further noted that the Executive Committee discussed the recommendations and endorsed the first two options of the FAPT process to be presented at the December SEC meeting. The third option will be presented to the SEC but was not endorsed by the Executive Committee due to expressed concerns about implementing such an option.

SLAT members discussed the proposed process and received a written comment from SLAT parent representative, Cristy Gallagher, who was not able to attend today's meeting. There was discussion concerning the feasibility of involvement of CSBs from the time of admittance to an acute care facility to engage in discharge planning.

SLAT members were also presented with the projected fiscal impact of funding of non-CSA residential placements through CSA. During discussion, it was suggested a need for further vetting of the numbers presented at today's meeting. A small workgroup (VML, VACo, DMAS, VCOPPA, Victor Evans, OCS staff) will vet the numbers to ensure an understanding of the fiscal impact before the presentation at the SEC's December meeting. That analysis will be shared with SLAT members before the SEC meeting. An analysis of fiscal impact by locality was requested and OCS agreed to work with the group to produce a report of such analysis.

Mrs. Clare noted that any policy to be considered by the SEC will be disseminated for a 60-day public comment period prior to SEC action. The Taskforce recommended a July 1, 2015 implementation date.

#### **Agency Proposed Legislation: SLAT Membership Requirements**

Mrs. Clare reported that statutory amendments regarding SLAT membership have been approved by the Governor's Office. The proposed amendments are:

- Parent representative - has a child who has received services that are within the purview of CSA
- Local government representatives - are representative of one of the different participants of CPMTs but need not be actively serving on a CPMT in order to serve on SLAT

OCS will redistribute the proposed statutory amendments to SLAT members.

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

Victor Evans, Committee Chair, reported that, at the most recent Committee meeting, Committee members were joined by training department/office staff from other state agencies (DJJ, VDSS, DOE, DBHDS), a parent and private provider representative for a discussion on improving system training. Those in attendance discussed collaborative training opportunities and how to share those training opportunities through e-learning. The Committee also discussed training on CSA and how best to make that training available to target audiences who need to have knowledge of CSA.

The Training Committee also reviewed a glossary of terms for the CSA Community Inventory. The Training Committee will finalize the Inventory at its January 20 meeting and will present the final Inventory to SLAT at SLAT's February 2015 meeting.

#### **Committee Member Updates**

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies or organizations. Members reported on the appointment of new juvenile and domestic relations district court judges, institutional transformation activities, regulations, Commission on Youth studies and the Children's Cabinet. 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.

#### **New/Other Business**

There was no new or other business to discuss.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.