

MINUTES –December 5, 2013
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR AT RISK YOUTH & FAMILIES
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present: Victor Evans, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators' Network; Jeannie Decker, CSA Coordinators' Network; The Honorable Anita Filson, Virginia Council of Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges (VCJDRDCJ); Janet Lung, DBHDS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Shawn Rozier, League of Social Services Executives; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Cristy Gallagher, Parent Representative; Ronald Belay, CSU Directors' Association; Karen Tompkins, VCOPPA; Penny Combs, VCOPPA; Angela Neely, Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education (VCASE); Chuck Walsh, VACSB; Jack Ledden, DJJ

Members Absent: Sandra Brown, DMAS; Pat Haymes, DOE; Jodie Wakeham, VDH; Alex Kamberis, VDSS

Guests and Staff Members Present: Brady Nemeyer, Di Hayes, Tammy Becoat-Eclou, Betsy Clark, Shelly Latoski, Karen Reilly-Jones, Mills Jones, Claiborne Mason, Leah Mills, Abigail Schreiner, CeCe Smith, Scott Reiner, Janice Graham, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Victor Evans, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He welcomed members and guests and asked for introductions. Mr. Evans reminded members of the purpose of SLAT as noted on the bottom of each meeting's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Belay noted a correction to the October 3, 2013 minutes. The minutes should state that the minutes of the "August 1, 2013" meeting were approved rather than the "June 6, 2013" meeting. The correction was noted and the minutes of the October 3, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Ronald Belay, seconded by Anita Filson and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

SEC Goals and Strategies

Goal 1, Strategy 1

Policies that govern use of funds (CSA pool funds, Medicaid, Title IV-E, PSSF, VJCCCA, MH Initiative)

Mr. Evans provided background information and facilitated a discussion of proposed SLAT recommendations to be presented to the SEC at their December 19, 2013 meeting. After reviewing the draft document containing the proposed recommendations, SLAT members expressed concern that the document was too long. They recommended that an Executive Summary and recommendations be included in the first part of the document (2 or 3 pages at most) with additional information included in an Appendix. Based on today's discussion and recommendations, Mr. Evans will redraft the document/recommendations and distribute to SLAT members for feedback in advance of the December 19, 2013 SEC meeting.

Goal 1, Strategy 5

Inadvertent fiscal incentives (Medicaid match, family-of-one eligibility, education costs, adoption subsidy)

Mr. Evans provided background information noting that SLAT had agreed to address this strategy after finishing strategy 1. He asked that SLAT members, after consulting with their colleagues, be prepared to report at the February 2014 SLAT meeting examples of situations that create inadvertent fiscal incentives. Two examples were noted at today's meeting:

- Waiver of educational costs when parents place a child in a residential setting vs. non-waiver of the educational costs when a placement is made through FAPT.
- Children placed for non-educational reasons in residential, who receive educational services in the residential setting, when the child could be served in a public school setting.

SLAT Training Committee Report

Shawn Rozier reported for the SLAT Training Committee. He reported that the Training Committee was not able to meet in November but would be meeting on December 12, 2013. Mr. Rozier noted that the Training Committee would continue their work on the CPMT assessment tool and report back to SLAT at their February 2014 meeting.

He distributed a copy of statewide training events for December 2013 – February 2014. SLAT members are encouraged to promote and report training opportunities to the SLAT Training Committee. The SLAT Training Committee is always open to new members.

Review of Proposed Dispute Resolution Policy

Mr. Evans distributed the proposed revised dispute resolution policy, along with draft recommendations for improvement of the policy developed from discussion at the October 2013 SLAT meeting. Based on today's review and discussion of the proposed revised policy and the draft SLAT recommendations, Mr. Evans will make changes to the recommendations and distribute to SLAT members for feedback in advance of the December 19, 2013 SEC meeting.

OCS Director's Report

Scott Reiner reported on Ms. Clare's behalf. He noted the following items:

- New CSA Coordinators' Academy – The Academy was held November 13 – 15, 2013 in Richmond with 17 CSA coordinators participating. Mr. Reiner thanked SLAT members, those from other child-serving agencies, and private providers for their participation in the Academy. He noted that the Academy was well received.
- Community-Based Behavioral Health Policy – The new policy became effective November 1, 2013. OCS has hosted several webinars on the new policy and he shared with members a newsletter from the Fairfax County CSA that highlights the new policy. Additional webinars are planned to focus on other aspects of policy implementation. No requests for exceptions have been received at this point.
- Center of Excellence - The Virginia Wraparound Center of Excellence will begin new training in high fidelity wraparound for Intensive Care Coordination providers in January 2014. Follow-up training and technical assistance support for previously trained cohorts is being provided and applications are being received for advanced high fidelity wraparound training.

DBHDS has awarded five systems of care mini-grants to: Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun, Region 10 CSB and UFMS with an emphasis on intensive care coordination and parent support partners.

- SAS Data Integration and Analysis – OCS is in the final testing and acceptance phase of the SAS data integration and analysis system. Mr. Reiner distributed a page from a report developed by SAS showing the top 50 children (with personally identifiable information masked) by total amount spent during fiscal year 2013. More information about report development will be available at a future meeting.
- Training – OCS is working on webinar-based training curricula for CSA Coordinators. More information will be available at a future meeting.
- SEC Outcomes Committee – The Committee met for the first time on November 7, 2013. Their work will focus on recommendations of selected specific, measurable indicators for adoption by the SEC. The Committee also discussed development of long-term indicators of success for those children/youth no longer being served by CSA.

SLAT Member Updates

Mr. Evans asked members to report on anticipated legislative issues within their agencies. Cristy Gallagher reported that she is serving on the Governor-Elect's Council on Mental Health Transition Committee. She noted that the Committee will meet again on December 16, 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.