

MINUTES – December 7, 2017
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; Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Vice-Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; The Honorable Gregory Carr, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Sue Reese, DSS; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Ann Bevan, DMAS; Ashley Harrell, DMAS; Kellie Evans, Private Provider Representative; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT-School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT-School Representative; Ron Belay, CPMT – CSU Representative; Christina Owens, DOE; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH

Members Absent: Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative

Guests and Staff Members Present: Dani Halbleib, Jane Vaught, Mills Jones, April Estrada, Ashley Arthur, Mira Signer, Penny Combs, Scott Reiner, Kristi Schabo, Anna Antell, Annette Larkin, Brent Barcomb, Rendell Briggs, Maris Adcock, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Tamara Temoney, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made. Dr. Temoney noted that an IACCT update had been added to the agenda after Mr. Reiner’s report.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Belay, seconded by Karen Reilly-Jones and carried.

Public Comment

There were two public comments made:

- Janet Vaught (UMFS) on behalf of Christy Corbin (UMFS), concerning a youth (in custody of a local department of social services) and in a residential placement. Ms. Corbin expressed concerns about the process of trying to reach the youth’s legal guardian (LDSS) for permission to treat the youth when the youth needed emergency medical care.
- Karen Reilly-Jones (Chesterfield/Colonial Heights CSA) on behalf of other CSA coordinators, concerning dissemination of information to stakeholders when a fatality happens in a residential treatment facility. What is the state’s role in providing adequate licensure oversight and monitoring? Also, commented on the lack of discharge planning at CCCA.

Dr. Temoney thanked those making public comment, noting that these are issues that need follow-up.

OCS Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *Health and Human Resources Secretariat* – A new Secretary will be appointed by the Governor–elect as Dr. Hazel will be leaving that post. Dr. Hazel has served eight years as the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.
- *Legislative Workgroup on Quality and Costs of Private Day Educational Programs* - Staff members of Senate Finance and House Appropriations concluded their work on the General Assembly assignment and have issued a letter to the chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance indicating that more time is needed for additional study of this issue.
- *State Executive Council (SEC) Meeting* – The SEC will meet next Thursday, December 14, 2017. Of particular note, the SEC is expected to take action on proposed SEC Policy 4.7 – Response to Audit Findings with Regard to the Children’s Services Act.
- *Reports* – Several recently completed reports will be posted and available on the CSA website:
 - *Services Gap Survey* – This report is required by Code to be published each year. This year’s survey was redesigned in an effort to streamline and improve reporting features.
 - *Juvenile and Criminal Justice Outcomes of Youth Completing Services through CSA in FY15* – This report focuses on the outcomes of children/youth, under the age of 18, who exited the CSA system in 2015 and were subsequently arrested or rearrested within a one-year time period. This report was made possible through a data sharing agreement between CSA and DJJ. Plans are now underway for further development and improvement to the reporting capabilities.
- *Other Data Projects* - OCS continues to work with the Virginia Longitudinal Data System (VLDS) on potential data projects, especially around educational outcomes.

IACCT Discussion

Mira Signer, System of Care Director with Magellan of Virginia provided a snap-shot of the Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT) process to date. The IACCT process was implemented July 1, 2017. She also discussed issues, concerns and answered questions from SLAT members and guests.

At the close of the discussion, Ms. Signer thanked everyone for their feedback. SLAT asked that an IACCT update be provided at each meeting.

SLAT Work Plan Discussion

Family Engagement Survey Results

Members reviewed the results of SLAT’s Family Engagement Survey. During discussion, SLAT members discussed some of the barriers reported on the Survey as well as next steps for SLAT as a follow-up to the Survey. Kristi Schabo will poll CSA coordinators to find out additional information about specific trainings their localities provide for parent representatives to FAPT and CPMT. Karen Reilly-Jones will poll localities to see if they provide a stipend to their parent representatives and, if so, how is the stipend funded.

At SLAT’s February 2018 meeting, SLAT will focus on areas of the work plan where progress has been made and next steps. SLAT will also begin work on drafting a report and recommendations to present to the SEC.

Congregate Care

Dr. Temoney asked Kellie Evans to report on what her group found when reviewing California's foster care/therapeutic foster care plan. After her report she noted that, although it had been suggested that California be reviewed in particular, the group was not exactly sure which areas of California's plan they should focus on. For instance, are there areas of the plan that would be of particular interest in relation to Virginia's program? Sue Reese will follow-up with Carl Ayers, Family Services Director, VDSS for further clarification.

Member Updates, Other Business and Adjournment

Dr. Temoney asked if members had any items they would like to share. Several members provided updates on activities within their agencies and organizations.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2018.