

MINUTES – February 1, 2018
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 Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Malcolm King, DBHDS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Patty Smith, DMAS; Ashley Harrell, DMAS; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT-School Representative; Ron Belay, CPMT – CSU Representative; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH

Members Absent: Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Carl Ayers, VDSS

Guests and Staff Members Present: Gail Giese, Jeannie Decker, Cristy Corbin, Alexis Aplasca, Tricia Van Rossum, Penny Combs, Mills Jones, Jane Vaught, Scott Reiner, Kristi Schabo, Rendell Briggs, Maris Adcock, Marsha Mucha

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Tamara Temoney, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Ron Belay, seconded by Karen Reilly-Jones and carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

OCS Report

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *Legislation* – Several bills related to special education programs have been introduced during the 2018 legislative session:
 - HB 1346 and SB 205 would expand eligibility for services under CSA to students who transfer from an approved private school education program to a public school special education program established and funded jointly by a local governing body and school division located within Planning District 16.
 - HB 176 and SB 975 would require DOE to develop and implement pilot programs in two local school divisions to transition students from private school settings to an appropriate public school setting in the local school division.
 - HJR 29 would direct the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the administration of CSA and to report.
- *Budget* – The Executive Biennial Budget for the 2018-2020 biennium includes a general fund increase of \$17M in FY19 and \$37M in FY20 to meet the projected 7% annual growth in CSA

funded services. \$250,000 in general funds has been included in FY19 for OCS to contract with a consultant for a study of the adequacy of current rates paid to special education private day service providers. The budget language also requires the consultant to recommend a rate setting methodology.

Legislative member budget requests include eliminating the \$250,000 in general funds for the consultant as noted above; changing the match rate for Special Education Wraparound Services to the community-based match rate; eliminating/reducing the local match for services to non-mandated youth; eliminating the local Medicaid match rate for CSA services.

- *Training* – Five training modules for CPMT members are in development and should be available by April 1. OCS staff members will also be providing trainings over the next several months to the Central Virginia Rural CSAs and in Nottoway County. Multiple High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) trainings are planned to take place before the end of this fiscal year.
- *New CSA Coordinator Academy* – The Academy will be held March 27-29 in Richmond.
- *CSA Conference* – The Conference will be held May 1 - 2 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. A pre-conference session for CSA coordinators will be held on April 30.
- *New Secretary of Health and Human Resources* – Governor Northam has appointed Dr. Daniel Carey to lead the Health and Human Resources Secretariat. OCS will report to Secretary Carey, through Deputy Secretary Gena Boyle Berger.
- *Policy* – At the SEC's December meeting, the SEC approved SEC Policy 4.7 – Response to Audit Findings. The policy became effective January 1, 2018.
- *Administrative Memos* - Three memos have recently been distributed to CPMT Chairs and CSA Coordinators:
 - Clarification of requirements for Statement of Economic Interest filings for FAPT and CPMT members per guidance from the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council.
 - Guidance on use of CSA special education funding when a parent does not consent to allow the school division to disclose educational information and records to the CPMT. Without this consent, CSA must deny funding for these placements.
 - A revised Special Education Wrap Around fund allocation process to result in greater utilization of the available funds while making it possible for localities to access larger amounts of funds as needed.

DBHDS Licensure

Jamie Sacksteder, Associate Director of the Office of Licensing at DBHDS addressed SLAT member concerns about how local CSA programs can be notified of adverse events at licensed facilities and any licensure action taken. Ms. Sacksteder also outlined the process and protocol followed when a residential treatment facility is in violation of licensing requirements or a complaint is made.

IACCT Discussion

Tricia Van Rossum, Senior Manager, Clinical Care Services with Magellan of Virginia provided an update on High Touch Care Coordination and the roles and responsibilities of personnel within this area of service. Ms. Van Rossum also briefly addressed SLAT's request for utilization data. She noted that preliminary data is being analyzed and is not available. She could not speak to when that data would be available.

SLAT Work Plan Discussion

Dr. Temoney provided background information and a status report on the goals and action steps taken to date. She opened the discussion for next steps. During discussion, Kristi Schabo reported on the survey she disseminated to CSA coordinators to find out additional information about specific trainings their localities provide for parent representatives to FAPT and CPMT. She noted that she received only a few replies to the survey.

After further discussion, members decided to focus on training for recruitment and retention of parent representatives that serve on CPMTs and FAPTs. It was suggested that training be provided through the development of e-learning modules as well as video.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Dr. Temoney will form a Nominating Committee to recommend a SLAT chair and vice-chair for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. It was noted that the SLAT bylaws state that the chair must be a local government representative, which includes representatives of the different participants of CPMTs and management teams and the local CSA coordinator or program manager.

Member Updates

Dr. Temoney presented Mr. Belay with a letter from SLAT congratulating him for his service on SLAT and on his 50 years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Andelicia Neville reported that an Advanced Parent Leadership Training would be held on April 28 - 29, 2018. She will send information to OCS to forward to SLAT members.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at noon. The next meeting will be held April 5 at the Tuckahoe Library.