

MINUTES – February 5, 2015
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR AT RISK YOUTH & FAMILIES
Dining Hall, UMFS
3900 W. Broad Street
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; Penny Combs, Private Provider Representative; Jack Ledden, DJJ; Victor Evans, CSA Coordinator Representative; Jeanne Decker, CSA Coordinator Representative; Janet Lung, DBHDS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; The Honorable Frank Somerville, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Sheila Bailey, CPMT – School Representative; Brian Campbell, DMAS; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative, Audrey Brown, Parent Representative; Carl Ayers, VDSS

Members Absent: Jodie Wakeham, VDH

Guests and Staff Members Present: Di Hayes, Karen Reilly-Jones, Mills Jones, Tammy Becoat-Eclou, Susan Clare, Scott Reiner, Stephanie Bacote, Brady Nemeyer, 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 December 4, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Jack Ledden, seconded by Pat Haymes and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Clare reported on the following CSA bills in the current General Assembly session:

- HB2083 – Requires CPMTs to include a process for parents/persons with physical custody of a child to refer to the FAPT.
- HB2141 – Corrects a technical error in language where CPMT is referred to as “community management and policy team.”
- SB850 – Changes the name Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families to the Children’s Services Act. The State Executive Council (SEC) would become the State Executive Council for Children’s Services; OCS would become the Office of Children’s Services.
- SB1041 – Similar to HB2083. Requires CPMT’s to include a process for parents/persons with physical custody of a child to refer to the FAPT.
- SB1054 – Establishes that the SEC shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the Administrative Process Act.
- SB1151 – Requires the parent representative on the SLAT to have a child who has received services within the purview of the CSA and eliminates the requirement that local representatives to SLAT serve on a CPMT. *(From review/amendments to SLAT bylaws.)*

Budget amendments:

- Provides that funding to meet the educational needs of students in psychiatric or residential treatment facilities shall not only apply to students with an IEP but also in a regular academic curriculum. Directs the SEC to develop policies and procedures to ensure implementation no later than July 1, 2015. *(Current policy issue before the SEC.)*
- Allows local communities and public school divisions to access CSA funds to establish and operate their own separate day placements for students with disabilities.
- Provides \$200,000 to Youth for Tomorrow and prevents a penalty from being applied on CSA funding to local social services agencies that place children at Youth for Tomorrow or similar facilities. *(The \$200,000 would be an amendment to the VDSS budget. Implications for CSA residential match rate.)*

Mrs. Clare also reported that the SEC will meet on March 19 to finish agenda items held over from the December meeting. On the March agenda will be appointment of a workgroup to increase public awareness of CSA and access to multidisciplinary planning. The workgroup is being established in response to small group discussions/recommendations from the SEC retreat as well as a recommendation from a taskforce appointed by the SEC to make recommendations regarding non-CSA parental placements into residential treatment facilities.

Mrs. Clare further reported that OCS has begun work to revise the CSA Manual. The last revision was made in 2009. OCS will seek stakeholder input regarding proposed formatting changes and content review.

SEC Report

Mr. Belay reported on the December 2014 SEC meeting. The SEC received recommendations from the task force appointed by the SEC to consider the issue of non-CSA placements into residential treatment facilities. The SEC also received a report from SLAT on the projected fiscal impact to localities based on the number of youth in this population. A number of public comments were also made at the meeting.

Mr. Belay further reported that SEC members reviewed the proposed policy and made changes. SEC members voted to establish an SEC workgroup as recommended by the task force. The workgroup will consider a policy implementation date and address areas of concern around certain recommended timeframes.

Mrs. Clare reported nominations to the workgroup were sought from stakeholder groups. The nominations were reviewed and appointments made to the workgroup by the SEC's Executive Committee. Workgroup meetings have been scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon on the following dates: February 12, February 25 and March 4. The workgroup will report its recommendations at the SEC's March meeting.

If the workgroup's recommendations are adopted by the SEC at its March meeting, a proposed policy will be distributed for a 60-day public comment period. It is anticipated that a workgroup would then be appointed to review the public comments and develop guidelines for implementation of the policy.

Standard Service Names

Brady Nemeyer provided background information on the work to date to standardize service names. Members received a copy of the standard service names provided to the SEC which will be implemented July 1, 2015. Mr. Nemeyer further reported that a Data Elements Workgroup will finish its work this month on defining data elements and ensuring uniformity in data reporting.

Mr. Nemeyer noted that service names will be reviewed at least annually. If providers or localities have questions concerning the use of service names, they should contact Mr. Nemeyer. He also noted that a session on standardized service names would be held at the upcoming CSA conference in April.

Training Update

Scott Reiner reported on upcoming OCS training activities as follows:

- A new CSA Coordinator Academy will be held March 10 – 12 at the VA Tech Richmond Center. Approximately 25 new coordinators will be in attendance. Copies of the draft agenda were available for review.
- The 4th Annual CSA Conference will be held April 20 – 21 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. The theme of this year's conference is "An Informed System of Care." Dr. Gary Blau, Chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services, US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, will be the keynote speaker.

The SEC will meet on April 20 and may be joined by members of the Governor's Children's Cabinet for a discussion of enhancing system of care in the Commonwealth. A leadership development program is planned for CSA Coordinators on Sunday afternoon, April 19.

- OCS, in conjunction with the League of Social Service Executives and VDSS, is engaged in developing a series of on-line training modules to address core knowledge and information about CSA for social services workers. Training modules are also planned for social service supervisors and members of CPMTs. Modules will be vetted as they are developed. These modules will be modified in the future for different constituent groups.

Mr. Reiner also presented a draft of the FY16 OCS Training Plan. He noted that, in accordance with provisions of the Appropriation Act, OCS presents an annual training plan to the SEC for approval. The draft training plan will have its first reading at the March SEC meeting with approval scheduled for the June SEC meeting. Mr. Reiner invited comments and recommendations on the training plan.

SLAT Training Committee Report

Victor Evans, Chair of the SLAT Training Committee, reported on the following items:

- Use of state level training resources to enhance training on CSA and how best to make that training available to target audiences who need to have knowledge of CSA. The first hour of the next SLAT Training Committee meeting will be set aside for training partnership members to discuss improving system training, collaborative training opportunities, how to share training through e-learning and accountability for training requirements.
- Presentation of a draft CSA Community Inventory and User Guide developed by the SLAT Training Committee. Mr. Evans thanked members of the SLAT Training Committee for their work on development of the inventory. He asked that SLAT approve the draft documents for dissemination to localities. Use of the inventory would be voluntary.

A motion was made by Karen Tompkins and seconded by Carl Ayers to distribute the inventory and user guide. During discussion it was suggested a further review of the documents to check for grammatical/spelling errors. Ms. Tompkins withdrew her motion. After additional review, final draft documents will be presented at the April SLAT meeting.

- The SLAT Training Committee is seeking input from SLAT on its next project. Mr. Evans suggested a review of the draft FY16 OCS Training Plan by the SLAT Training Committee. The SLAT Training Committee would then provide feedback on the draft plan to SLAT at its April meeting. A motion was made by Pat Haymes, seconded by Carl Ayers and carried for the SLAT Training Committee to review and provide feedback on the draft FY16 OCS Training Plan. The SLAT Training Committee will report at the April SLAT meeting.

Committee Member Updates

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies or organizations. Members reported that they are following General Assembly bills and activities as relates to their agencies or organizations. 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.

Victor Evans reported that the next CSA Coordinators Network meeting would be held May 29 in Charlottesville.

New/Other Business

There was no new or other business to discuss.

Adjournment

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