

MINUTES – February 6, 2020
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present: Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, VCOPPA; Michael Triggs, VCOPPA; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Lisa Madron, CPMT – CSB Representative; Rebecca Vinroot, CPMT – LDSS Representative; Em Parente, DSS; Laura Reed, DMAS; The Honorable Richard Campbell, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH; Cristy Corbin, Parent Representative; Martha Carroll, CPMT – CSU Representative; Nina Marino, DBHDS, Mills Jones, CSA Coordinators Network; Lesley Abashian; CPMT - Local Government

Members Absent: Beth Stinnett, DJJ; Sabrina Gross, DOE

OCS Staff Members and Guests Present: Scott Reiner, Zandra Relaford, Kristi Schabo, Maris Adcock, Stephanie Bacote, Annette Larkin, Marsha Mucha (guest list attached)

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Cristy Corbin, seconded by Michael Triggs and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

SEC Strategic Plan 2020-2024 Review and Discussion

Mr. Reiner reviewed and provided members with a copy of the Strategic Plan as approved and adopted by the State Executive Council (SEC) at its December 12, 2019 meeting. The Appropriation Act requires a Strategic Plan to be submitted at the end of each odd-numbered year. He noted that the Plan was based on input from various CSA stakeholders via survey and focus groups. The SEC and SLAT met for a full day session in September 2019 to inform the plan.

During discussion, Mr. Reiner explained that, at the SEC’s March 12, 2020 meeting, the SEC will begin developing a work plan and action steps needed to meet the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. SLAT will have the opportunity to assist the SEC in this regard through projects assigned to SLAT by the SEC.

Member Updates

Members reported on activities and the statuses of ongoing projects, new programs, grant opportunities, trainings and legislative/budgetary items. Members also continue to work within their agencies and advocate through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery for the children, youth and families of Virginia.

Mills Jones submitted a written report on behalf of the State CSA Coordinators regarding their concern about the number of children placed out of state in residential facilities (copy attached).

Protected Funds/Non-Mandate Report to SEC

Mrs. Updike reported that Karen Reilly-Jones (previous SLAT Chair) had presented the report on SLAT's recommendations to the SEC on use of protected/non-mandated funds at the SEC's December 2019 meeting. Because of a full SEC agenda at the December meeting, the SEC will review SLAT's report in more depth at their March 2020 meeting.

OCS Report

Zandra Relaford reported on the following:

- *JLARC Study* – The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) has begun a review/study of the CSA's purpose, spending and service delivery. A report will be issued in the fall of 2020.
- *CSA Conference* - The 2020 CSA Conference is planned for October 29 – 30 in Norfolk.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Mrs. Relaford reported that Kristi Schabo, OCS Program Consultant was leaving her position at OCS to become the CSA coordinator for Chesterfield/Colonial Heights. She thanked Ms. Schabo for her work on behalf of OCS and CSA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held on April 2, 2020 in the Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Rd., in Richmond.