

MINUTES – February 7, 2019
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Tuckahoe Area Library
1901 Starling Drive
Henrico, VA

Members Present: Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, VCOPPA; Michael Triggs, VCOPPA; The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Nina Marino, DBHDS; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Kim Russo, CPMT – CSU Representative; Donna Boyce, DMAS; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Rebecca Vinroot, CPMT – LDSS Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative

Members Absent: Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Carl Ayers, VDSS; Jeannine Uzel, VDH

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

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The December 6, 2018 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Ashley Tunner, seconded by Angela Neely and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

DSS and DMAS/DBHDS Workgroup Updates

Mrs. Reilly-Jones reported that SLAT had asked to receive in-depth updates on the Family First Preventions Services Act (VDSS) and Virginia’s behavioral health transformation (DMAS) at today’s meeting. However, neither agency was able to have representatives in attendance who could provide the updates. Mr. Reiner, along with Rebecca Vinroot and Nina Marino, shared information they had in conjunction with activities surrounding both initiatives. OCS will also distribute available materials about the DMAS/DBHDS behavioral health redesign.

During discussion, several SLAT members raised concerns about the length of time it currently takes VDSS to complete background checks. New background check requirements regarding the completion of background investigations before an individual can begin work (the previously allowed exemption allowing work as long as the employee was not alone with a child prior to the results of the background check is no longer allowed) will further hinder recruitment and exacerbate the problem that already exists. Mr. Reiner will communicate these concerns to VDSS.

Member Updates

Members reported on legislative activities and the statuses of ongoing projects, new programs, grant opportunities, and upcoming conferences/events. 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.

OCS Report

Zandra Relaford reported on the following:

- *General Assembly Session* – OCS is actively engaged in review of introduced legislation and collaboration with other state agencies to address policy and fiscal impact of various pieces of legislation.
- *SLAT Terms* – Terms expire on June 30, 2019 for CPMT – LDSS and CPMT - schools, along with parents and the juvenile and domestic relations district court judges. The current representatives were asked to solicit nominations from their organizations for the next term and to forward nominations to Mrs. Relaford by June 1.
- *CSA Conference* – Kristi Schabo provided a brief update. The Conference will be held April 30 – May 1, 2019 with a pre-conference session scheduled for April 29. The keynote speaker will be Jelani Freeman and the ending keynote speaker will be Jon Katov. Registration is now open.
- *Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)* - Mills Jones reported on utilization management improvement activities, which is now CSA Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). The new process uses a recognized term and approach for data analysis and program improvement. Training for the five pilot sites (nine localities) will be held during February and March with an unveiling of the new CQI process at the CSA Conference. Mr. Jones thanked Howard Sanderson, OCS Senior Research Analyst, for his work on the project.
- *Cost Study of Private Day Special Education Programs* – Data collection is in progress. At the request of the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF), the deadline for submission of data has been extended to February 28. A final report is due in June.

SLAT Work Plan Discussion

Members reviewed and discussed the draft CSA non-mandated funds survey, which applies to those localities who utilize the funds and those who do not. Mrs. Reilly-Jones noted that the purpose of the survey is to improve SLAT's understanding of the use and/or lack of use of CSA non-mandated funds and report back to the SEC on the use of non-mandated funds, including barriers to use of the funds and best practices.

During discussion, members suggested addressing myths and misinformation concerning use of non-mandated funds that have persisted over time. They also discussed dissemination of the survey and who should receive/complete the survey. Based on discussion and other feedback, Mrs. Reilly-Jones will restructure the survey and send to SLAT members. SLAT will discuss how the survey should be presented at their April meeting.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 4, in the Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Rd., in Richmond.