

**MINUTES – June 2, 2016**  
**STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)**  
**CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT**  
**Dining Hall, UMFS**  
**3900 W. Broad Street**  
**Richmond, VA**

**Members Present:** Ronald Belay, SLAT Chair, CPMT - CSU Representative; Audrey Brown, Parent Representative; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, CSA Coordinators Network; Pat Haymes, DOE; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Mendy Meeks, DMAS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS

**Members Absent:** Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Carl Ayers, DSS

**Guests and Staff Members Present:** Kara Brooks, Di Hayes, Penny Combs, Leah Mills, John Dougherty, Scott Reiner, Howard Sanderson, Kristi Schabo, Marsha Mucha

**Introductions and Chair Remarks**

Ron Belay, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Karen Reilly-Jones, seconded by Pat Haymes and carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Reiner introduced Kristi Schabo, the newest OCS Program Consultant. He noted that Ms. Schabo has a strong background in special education. He also acknowledged Mr. Belay’s leadership as SLAT Chair for the past two years.

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- **Public Participation Policy – Status** – The public comment period ended May 23, 2016. In general, the comments received were supportive of the proposed policy. The proposed policy will be on the agenda for approval at the SEC’s June 23, 2016 meeting.
- **CANVaS 2.0 Update** – The CANVaS 2.0 update is scheduled to go into production on July 1, 2016. CANVaS 2.0 includes upgrades for DSS and new reporting features. OCS is sending out a series of fact sheets and has recorded training demos that will be available on the CSA website.
- **Annual Conference Update** – Mr. Reiner thanked everyone for their support of the recently concluded CSA Conference. Approximately 600 participated in this year’s conference. The 2017 Conference will be held April 19 and 20, 2017 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. A pre-conference session for CSA coordinators will be held on April 18, 2017.
- **CSA Expenditures and Allocations** – CSA expenditures continue to trend up primarily due to the increase in special education private day placements. The fiscal year 2017 allocations to

localities will be disseminated shortly and will include each locality's additional allocation of the \$500,000 appropriated by the General Assembly to increase support for local CSA administrative costs. Additionally, the allocations for fiscal year 2017 wraparound funds for services for students with disabilities (SPED wraparound) will also be disseminated in the near future.

#### **Discussion of SLAT Work Plan Items**

- ***Special Education Wraparound Funds, Presentation of Survey Results*** – Howard Sanderson, Senior Research Associate, presented the results of the recently conducted survey on the use of CSA special education wraparound funds. The purpose of the surveys (FAPT/CPMT members, school special education directors and parents) was to gather information from stakeholders to utilize in informing the SEC's response to a request from the Commission on Youth (COY) to examine issues related to use of the wraparound services for students with disabilities.

After Mr. Sanderson's presentation and further discussion, SLAT members agreed to leave the survey open for additional survey responses from special education stakeholders.

***Proposed Open Forum at August SLAT Meeting*** – As a result of today's discussion, Mr. Reiner suggested an open forum for the August SLAT meeting. The purpose of the open forum will be to gather additional input from stakeholders on the use of CSA special education wraparound funds. Because a number of issues and recommendations were brought forth during today's discussion, a summary will be prepared and sent out to SLAT members. SLAT members were asked to reach out to their colleagues concerning the format for the August meeting and invite stakeholders to attend.

- ***Barriers to Use of Non-Mandated Funds – Update*** – No update provided today.

#### **Discussion of SLAT Bylaws**

Mr. Reiner presented proposed updates to the SLAT bylaws. The proposed updates reflect changes in statutory language effective July 1, 2016 and miscellaneous clean-up items. No action needs to be taken today. The bylaws will be placed on the SLAT August meeting agenda.

***Expiring SLAT Appointments – Status Update from Members*** – SLAT representatives from those organizations (LDSS, schools, judges, parents) with SLAT terms ending June 30, 2016 provided updates. Mr. Reiner requested that a letter of appointment or reappointment from the appointing organization be sent to OCS. Recommendations for appointment to SLAT will be presented for SEC approval at its June 23, 2016 meeting.

#### **Report of the SLAT Nominating Committee and Election of FY17 SLAT Officers**

Mr. Belay asked Mr. Walsh, Chair of the SLAT Nominating Committee to report. The other members of the Nominating Committee were Angela Neely and Shannon Updike. Mr. Walsh reported that the Nominating Committee recommended Tamara Temoney as Chair and Karen Reilly-Jones as Vice-Chair for the 2017 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

Mr. Belay called for nominations from the floor. There being none, SLAT elected the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. Meetings for the remainder of the calendar year will continue on the present schedule.

#### **Committee Member Updates**

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. Members reported on upcoming conferences and other training activities. Additionally, members 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.

#### **Adjournment**

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Belay thanked everyone for the opportunity he had to serve as SLAT Chair for the past two terms. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.