

**MINUTES – June 4, 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, Private Provider Representative; John Dougherty, Private Provider Representative; Penny Combs, Private Provider Representative; Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Pat Haymes, DOE; Janet Lung, DBHDS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; The Honorable Frank Somerville, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Brian Campbell, DMAS; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Carl Ayers, VDSS; Victor Evans, CSA Coordinators Network; Beth Stinnett for Jack Ledden, DJJ

**Members Absent:** Cristy Gallagher, Parent Representative; Jodie Wakeham, VDH

**Guests and Staff Members Present:** Di Hayes, Karen Reilly-Jones, Mills Jones, Tammy Becoat-Eclou, Dreama Harrod, Leah Mills, Howard Sanderson, Abigail Schreiner, Janet Areson, Beau Blevins, Susan Clare, Scott Reiner, Anna Antell, 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 2, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Karen Tompkins, seconded by Pat Haymes and carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Director's Report**

The following items were included in Mrs. Clare's report:

- Mrs. Clare is retiring July 1, 2015. Effective July 1, Scott Reiner will begin serving as the OCS Interim Executive Director until the position is filled permanently.
- The OCS Policy Manual is being revised to a user friendly format. The revised Manual will include all policies adopted by the State Executive Council (SEC) relevant to implementation of CSA. No new policies are included in the Manual. Mrs. Clare asked SLAT members to provide her with feedback and comments about the draft format.
- A companion to the Manual, the OCS Users Guide is also being developed. Mr. Reiner reported that the Guide will contain information on implementation/operation of CSA for local management. It is anticipated that both the Manual and Users Guide will be finalized around the first of July.
- Anna Antell provided the High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) Training update. The 2015 training season is underway with various trainings scheduled from May through September. The number of requests for presentations on and training in the HFW model continues to grow as does the network of providers and Family Support Partners. The Center of

Excellence continues to support implementation of HFW through on-going partnerships and collaborative training opportunities.

Mr. Reiner thanked Mrs. Antell for her work in the Center of Excellence. Janet Lung thanked everyone on behalf of DBHDS and for their support and use of the system of care model.

- Mr. Reiner reported on the upgrade to the CANS software to version CANVaS 2.0. The upgraded software will include additional assessment items to address areas of child safety, permanency, wellbeing and trauma. The enhanced CANS will be required by VDSS for all children receiving foster care services. New reports are also being developed to allow for more monitoring/service planning integration. On-line training products on the use of CANVaS 2.0 are being developed as well.

### **Non-Educational Residential Placements Workgroup Progress Report**

Mr. Reiner reported that at the SEC's March 19, 2015 meeting the SEC approved dissemination of the proposed policy on Serving Youth Referred to Residential Treatment Facilities for Non-Educational Reasons and Outside of the CSA Process for a 60-day public comment period. The draft policy was widely distributed for public comment. That public comment period ended May 29, 2015.

At the SEC's March meeting, the SEC also established a Workgroup to begin addressing a number of actions and matters for the SEC to consider prior to policy implementation. Mr. Reiner asked Pat Haymes, facilitator of the Workgroup to further report. Ms. Haymes reported that, in addition to implementation details, the Workgroup also reviewed the public comments received and integrated those comments into the discussion. The Workgroup will report to the SEC at its June meeting.

At the conclusion of the report it was noted that, while the work is complex, progress has been made. The Workgroup has agreed to continue work on the Universal Notice to parents. Apart from the proposed policy discussion, Mrs. Clare noted that the fiscal impact of the proposed policy will also be on the SEC's June meeting agenda, per a request from SEC member, Catherine Hudgins.

Mrs. Clare stressed that even if adopted there would be no immediate implementation of the policy due to a number of actions that would have to take place first. A report is also due to the General Assembly by September 1.

### **Training Update**

Mr. Reiner provided a summary of OCS training activities for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. He thanked those SLAT members and guests who had participated in the CSA Conference. Evaluations are being compiled for both the Conference and the Conference breakout sessions. This information will be distributed once the compilations are complete. A follow-up evaluation of the Conference is also planned to gauge the usefulness of the information/materials presented.

At the end of Mr. Reiner's report, Mrs. Clare thanked him and others for their work and support of the conference.

**SLAT Training Committee Report**

Victor Evans, Chair of the SLAT Training Committee, reported on behalf of the Committee. He reported that the SLAT Training Committee did not meet on May 19. He noted that the CSA Community Inventory and the accompanying User Guide had been posted on-line. A breakout session was also held at the Conference on use of the Inventory.

Mr. Evans suggested that the SLAT Training Committee review the OCS Users Guide for potential training opportunities. Since Karen Reilly-Jones is being recommended for appointment to SLAT, he asked that SLAT agree to her approval as the new Chair of the SLAT Training Committee.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Belay reported that Jack Ledden served as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Other members of the committee were Angela Neely and Chuck Walsh. Mr. Ledden was not able to attend today's meeting so Ms. Neely reported on behalf of the committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended Ron Belay to serve as Chair and Tamara Temoney to serve as Vice-Chair. There being no nominations from the floor, the Nominating Committee's recommendations were approved as presented.

**Committee Member Updates**

Mr. Belay asked members to report on activities within their agencies and organizations. 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.

Karen Tompkins reported that she is retiring. John Dougherty has been recommended to move to the primary VCOPPA seat on SLAT.

**New/Other Business**

There was no new or other business to discuss. Mrs. Clare reported that this would be her last SLAT meeting. She thanked everyone for their dedicated service and asked that they continue to work together for the children and families of Virginia.

Mr. Belay, SLAT members and guests thanked Mrs. Clare for her service with a round of applause.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.