

MINUTES – October 4, 2018
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA

Members Present: Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, VCOPPA; The Honorable Ashley Tunner, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Beth Stinnett, DJJ; Martha Carroll, CPMT – CSU Representative

Members Absent: Carl Ayers, VDSS; Ann Bevan, DMAS; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., CPMT – LDSS Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH

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

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She welcomed members and guests and introductions were made. A quorum was not present.

Mrs. Reilly-Jones reported that, because of discussion at the September 20, 2018 SEC meeting, SLAT has been asked to review the use of non-mandated funds, including barriers to use of the funds, and best practices. At SLAT’s December meeting, members will begin reviewing non-mandated allocations and expenditures and develop a timeline for reporting to the SEC.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the August 2, 2018 minutes was deferred pending a quorum*.

*A quorum was achieved later in the meeting and the minutes were approved on a motion by Martha Carroll, seconded by Ashley Tunner and carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review of Current Work/Task Groups

Mrs. Reilly-Jones noted that members received a template to use for updating workgroup activities. She noted that, if members were supportive of the idea of using the template, it would be used as a working document.

Members reviewed the template and made suggested changes and updates. Mrs. Reilly-Jones will update the template and send it to SLAT members for their feedback.

Member Updates

Members reported recent efforts and statuses of ongoing projects, new programs, and upcoming conferences/events. Members also continue to work within their agencies, serve on workgroups and advocate through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery for the children, youth and families of Virginia.

CSA Program Data Review

Zandra Relaford presented comparison data on 2017-2018 CSA expenditures and child counts as requested by the SLAT chair at the group's August meeting. Two primary questions were asked: Was there a change in CSA expenditures or utilization, including DJJ referrals, after the DJJ System Transformation began? Did the use of residential placements increase in 2018?

Mrs. Relaford reported that the data comparisons show that expenditures for community-based services remained level, while expenditures for residential or congregate care increased. Residential placement referrals from DJJ, as well as all other sources decreased in 2018. The largest decrease in congregate care placements by referral source for FY 2018 were seen in DJJ referrals. Scott Reiner provided additional updates on final FY 2018 expenditures and utilization, reiterating that CSA expenditures increased about three percent, while the unduplicated child count remained essentially the same. The only increases in CSA expenditures and census (child count) were seen in Private Day Education placements.

OCS Report

Mrs. Relaford reported on the following items:

- *CANS Policy – Public Comment Update* – At the September 20th meeting of the SEC, the SEC approved disseminating the proposed CANS policy for a 60-day public comment period (September 24 – November 26).
- *Utilization Management Improvement* – Mills Jones reported on behalf of the Workgroup. The Utilization Management Process is being renamed to CSA Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Renaming the process will provide clarity about the expected activities and uses a recognized term and approach for data analysis and program improvement. Future workgroup discussions will include development of potential pilot sites, a training plan and any specific policy recommendations for the SEC to consider.
- *Follow-up on Parent Representatives on Local Teams* – At the last SLAT meeting, members discussed stipend payments for parent representatives and ways to fund those stipends. Due to budgetary considerations, OCS will not be able to seek state funding at this time to support the initiative. Local representatives could pursue funding for paying parent representatives on local teams, but payments to parent representatives were not viewed as the only need or solution for parent recruitment. The time commitment to attend required meetings was also deemed as a factor that could impact local recruitment and retention of parent representatives for local teams.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Due to time consideration, the SLAT work plan review and discussion was postponed until the December meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2018 at the Tuckahoe Library, 1901 Starling Dr., Henrico, VA.