

State Executive Council (SEC) Executive Committee Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229
May 21, 2020

Attending Virtually

The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors
Valerie Boykin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
Courtney Gaskins, Ph.D., Director of Program Services, Youth for Tomorrow
Sam Hollins for James Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education (DOE)
Karen Kimsey, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)
Alison Land, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
Nanette Bowler for Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services (VDSS)
Susan Whyte, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children’s Services (OCS)
Zandra Relaford, Assistant Director (OCS)
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Assistant (OCS)

Virtual Guests:

Janet Areson, Virginia Municipal League (VML)
Katie Boyle, Virginia Association of Counties (VACo)
Jeff Lunardi, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC)
Sue Rowland, Sue Rowland Consulting
Tracy Smith (JLARC)

Welcome, Introductions and Opening Comments

Secretary Carey called the virtual meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Sam Hollins was welcomed as a new member of the committee representing Dr. Lane and DOE.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by Karen Kimsey and approved by roll call vote as follows: Mary Biggs, Nanette Bowler, Valerie Boykin, Secretary Carey, Courtney Gaskins, Karen Kimsey, and Alison Land. Sam Hollins abstained.

Results of the “CSA during COVID-19” Statewide Survey

Mr. Reiner reported that during the last week in April and the first week in May, OCS conducted a survey of local CSA programs regarding operations during the pandemic. Of the 133 local programs, OCS received 111 responses to the survey.

Mr. Reiner reported that most programs have been handling the emergency well and have been able to continue the work of FAPT through tele-conference/or video conferencing. Family and youth

involvement has remained about the same as in-person meetings. Some concerns were raised such as lack of adequate technology and quality of adaptive services. About 75% of localities have been able to find workable processes for CPMTs funding of private day educational services.

During discussion, it was noted that the survey did not include any questions concerning domestic violence, abuse, neglect and general wellness checks/calls. It was noted that VDSS and DOE (child welfare and education) have worked together on a protocol to stay connected with youth/families during the pandemic. Other child serving agencies have protocols in place as well. Ms. Bowler will send Mr. Reiner information on the VDSS/DOE protocol.

In closing Mr. Reiner noted the survey was a positive reflection of the resiliency and adaptability of the local CSA programs during this time of emergency.

Impact of the Re-enrolled State Budget on CSA

Mr. Reiner reported that, in the re-enrolled state budget, the Governor has un-allocated new CSA budget requests. Those requested funds were:

- \$50,000 in training funds. (OCS still has an existing \$50,000 in training funds)
- \$250,000 to conduct a further study of the costs of private day special education

FY2021 OCS Training Plan/Recommendation to the SEC

Mr. Reiner reported that at the March SEC meeting an exposure draft of the Training Plan was presented to members. He noted that, because of current circumstances, OCS is in the process of arranging to provide some trainings on virtual platforms. For instance, OCS has adapted and moved the majority of the New CSA Coordinator Academy that was planned for the end of March to a virtual platform. If permissible, OCS will host an additional in-person training for new coordinators in the fall. OCS is also exploring other options for the annual CSA Conference planned for late October.

Mr. Reiner asked members for their consideration of moving the Training Plan forward for review and approval by the SEC at its June meeting based on recognition that OCS will be engaging in contingency planning for training, but with the same goals and objectives. The means to achieving the goals and objectives set out in the Training Plan may be different.

Members agreed that the FY2021 OCS Training Plan should be on the agenda for the June SEC meeting.

Implementation of the SEC Strategic Plan

Mr. Reiner reported that at the March SEC meeting the SEC approved moving forward with implementing the SEC's Strategic Plan. He provided an update on activities to date.

SLAT met virtually on April 2 and is soliciting workgroup members for two workgroups:

- A workgroup to develop a guide for youth and families
- A workgroup to define core knowledge, skills and abilities for various roles (e.g., local CSA leaders, CPMT and FAPT)

SLAT will meet virtually on June 4.

Other areas of implementation, policy review and data collection, are on hold at this time.

SEC Policy Development: Integration of CSA and FFPSA/Recommendations to the SEC

Mr. Reiner reported that at the March SEC meeting the SEC approved the first step in policy making to align CSA and FFPSA. The public comment period was from March 23 to May 1 with one comment received. Because the public comment period may have been impeded due to the pandemic and the fact that implementation of FFPSA has been delayed until January 1, 2021, Mr. Reiner recommended holding discussion of the next stage of the process until the SEC's September meeting. This extension will also provide more time to work on a draft proposed policy.

Agenda Items for June 11, 2020 SEC Meeting

In addition to the items already mentioned, members will receive brief updates on the impact of the pandemic on various initiatives. The meeting time will also be changed. The meeting will now take place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.