

AGENDA
State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT)
Thursday, February 6, 2020
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229
9:30- 12:00pm

	Person Responsible	Time Allocated	Outcome	Follow up?
Introductions and Opening Remarks	Shannon Updike	10 minutes		
Approval of Minutes	Shannon Updike	5 minutes		
Public Comment		5 minutes		
SEC Strategic Plan 2020-2024 Review and Discussion	Scott Reiner	45 minutes		
Member Updates:		60 minutes		
State:				
1. DOH	Jeannine Uzel			
2. DJJ	Beth Stinnett			
3. DSS	Em Parente			
4. DBHDS	Nina Marino			
5. DMAS	Laura Reed			
6. DOE	Sabrina Gross			
Local:				
1. DSS	Rebecca Vinroot			
2. CSA	Mills Jones			
3. CSB	Ivy Sager			
4. CSU	Martha Carroll			
5. Judge	Hon. Ashley Tunner			
6. Parent	Cristy Corbin			
7. Provider	Michael Triggs			
8. Schools	Angela Neely			
9. Locality/Municipality	Lesley Abashian			
OCS Report	Zandra Relaford	15 minutes		
Adjourn				

2020 Meeting Schedule: April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1, December 3

**MINUTES – December 5, 2019
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT
Richmond Room
1604 Santa Rosa Road
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Members Present: Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; Shannon Updike, SLAT Vice-Chair, VCOPPA; Michael Triggs, VCOPPA; Ivy Sager, CPMT – CSB Representative; Lisa Madron, CPMT – CSB Representative; Rebecca Vinroot, CPMT – LDSS Representative; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Em Parente, DSS; Laura Reed, DMAS; The Honorable Richard Campbell, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH; Cristy Corbin, Parent Representative

Members Absent: Martha Carroll, CPMT – CSU Representative; Beth Stinnett, DJJ; Nina Marino, DBHDS

OCS Staff Members and Guests Present: Scott Reiner, Zandra Relaford, Kristi Schabo, Annette Larkin, Maris Adcock, Rendell Briggs, Marsha Mucha (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. A quorum was not present at the opening of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Once a quorum of the membership was present, the minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Susan Aylor, seconded by Jeannine Uzel and carried.

Public Comment

Public comment was presented by Mills Jones, Human Services Director, Goochland County on behalf of Greg Winge, Chairman of the Statewide CSA Coordinators Network, acknowledging Karen Reilly-Jones for her service to SLAT and wishing her the best of luck in her new position.

Protected Funds/Non-Mandate Report

Mrs. Reilly-Jones provided background information on the request from the SEC to review the use of non-mandated funds (protected funds), including barriers to use of the funds and best practices. At the August SLAT meeting, a SLAT workgroup was formed to summarize information previously collected by SLAT through a survey on the use of the funds and to draft recommendations. At the October SLAT meeting, members reviewed the draft report/recommendations. At that time, members suggested several edits that were incorporated into the draft report/recommendations presented.

After a full and engaged discussion, SLAT members provided suggestions and recommended that goals/recommendations which were similar in nature be combined in the final report. Mrs. Reilly-Jones will present the final report on use of protected funds to the SEC at its December 12 meeting.

SEC Strategic Planning Update

Zandra Relaford provided an update on the SEC strategic planning process. She reported that Nancy Toscano, Chief Operating Officer with UMFS, who facilitated the strategic planning process in September, met with the SEC Executive Committee in November to review the draft strategic plan.

The SEC Executive Committee reviewed and endorsed the plan which will be submitted to the full SEC for consideration and approval at their December 12 meeting. Mrs. Relaford encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.

Member Updates

Members reported on activities and the statuses of ongoing projects, new programs, grant opportunities, trainings and legislative/budgetary items. 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 Reports* – Five (5) required annual reports have been filed and posted to the Legislative Information System.
- *Private Day Special Education Cost Study* – A final report was issued this fall, recommending that that additional study and more robust participation by providers are needed in order to develop and make appropriate recommendations for a cost methodology. Data on approximately 100 licensed programs from 39 entities was collected and only eleven (11) entities submitted the full set of data required.
- *FY2019 Reporting* - Foster care expenditures increased significantly over the previous year while overall congregate care census and costs declined, continuing a four year downward trend.
- *CSA Conference* - The 2020 CSA Conference is planned for October 29 – 30 in Norfolk.

Other Business

Mrs. Relaford presented Mrs. Reilly-Jones with a certificate in thanks and recognition for her service on SLAT. SLAT members wished her well in her new position.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2020 in the Richmond Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Rd., in Richmond.

December 5, 2019

STATE AND LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT) GUESTS

Sign-in Sheet

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Strategic Plan 2020 - 2024


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Overview

- Appropriation Act requires a plan to be submitted by the end of each odd-numbered year
- The SEC approved the most recent plan in December 2019
- The plan was based on input from various CSA stakeholders via survey and focus groups
- The SEC and the SLAT (State and Local Advisory Team) met in a full day session to inform the plan


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Key Points (Four Year Telescope)

- More effective services
- CSA and the SEC as a key partner
- Support EBPs to:
 - Prevent entry into foster care
 - Enhance behavioral health services
 - Reduce recidivism
 - Provide school-based supports
- Emphasis on meaningful outcomes and family voice and choice
- Cross-partner/cross-system leadership and alignment

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Policy Alignment



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Identify Outcome Areas



Identify outcome areas that align with the state plan and determine the strategies and activities.

Developing Local CSA Outcome Areas



A process to develop a plan for local CSA outcome areas that align with the state plan.

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1. SEC, with input from SLAT and others will determine which CSA policies need greater uniformity, flexibility and alignment (laterally, and across partners).

Four Year Metric: Complete revision of CSA policies supporting alignment.

Two Year Metric: Develop a policy revision committee with stated purpose and work plan and begin implementation of the plan.

2. SEC will identify and capitalize on the practice enhancements occurring throughout the CSA participating systems.

Four Year Metric: Develop and implement an SEC process to leverage expertise and replicate best practices across partners.

Two Year Metric: Engage in regular updates and discussions of the various system improvement initiatives to identify areas requiring additional alignment.

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1. The SEC and SLAT will define and support development of core leadership competencies for local CSA leaders, Community Policy and Management Teams and Family Assessment and Planning Teams.

Four Year Metric: Implement a comprehensive curriculum to address identified core leadership and operational competencies for building local implementation of the competencies.

Two Year Metric: Identify desired core leadership and operational competencies and assess current training plans.

2. SEC will identify and capitalize on the practice enhancements occurring throughout the CSA participating systems.

Four Year Metric: Assess and communicate shared measurable outcomes with a plan for implementing Outcome driven practice.

Two Year Metric: Catalog current measurable outcomes across systems including the ways that they are captured and communicated.

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1. SEC, SLAT, and additional partners will develop a guide for youth and families to build understanding about access to needed services.

Four Year Metric: Develop and share a family and youth guide.
Two Year Metric: Identify and prioritize relevant categories to be included in the family and youth guide.

2. The SEC, through OCS, will build community capacity by preparing and assisting localities to successfully implement and sustain evidence-based practices.

Four Year Metric: Develop and adopt a process of selection and implementation of EBPs for localities across Virginia.
Two Year Metric: Create a work plan with a goal of assisting localities with selecting and implementing EBPs.

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PLANNING & COORDINATION



Provide the vision, goals, and strategy for the program and ensure alignment across all levels.

TECHNOLOGY & COLLECTIVE ACTION



Develop and implement technology and data systems to support program goals and ensure data is shared across all levels.

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Study Resolution

Review of the Children's Services Act's Purpose, Spending, and Service Delivery

Authorized by the Commission on TBD

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Act (CSA) (§ 2.2-5200 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), originally known as the Comprehensive Services Act, was established in 1992 as a comprehensive system of services and funding through interagency planning and collaboration at the state and local levels in an effort to better meet the needs of at-risk youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, since its creation, the Children's Services Act has undergone numerous changes regarding its administration, covered services, and funding sources; and

WHEREAS, most participants are children in foster care or special education and are federally mandated to receive services; and

WHEREAS, program spending on private school special education services represents the largest use of CSA funds, and the average annual cost per student placed in a private school for special education services has increased sharply to more than \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, localities are primarily responsible for administering the program, creating the potential for variation in policies and procedures for determining program eligibility, service provision, and oversight of outcomes and spending; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission that staff be directed to study the administration of the Children's Services Act.

In conducting its study, staff shall (i) assess the extent to which there are any gaps in the availability of services for youth and their families under the CSA program, including children's residential services, private school special education services, and community-based services; (ii) evaluate the costs of those services and the CSA program's reimbursement for them, especially for private school special education services; (iii) evaluate whether children are receiving the most cost-effective services based on their needs, including how decisions are made regarding the placement of children in private school special education services; (iv) determine what has driven changes in the cost of services through CSA and the number of children being served; (v) evaluate state oversight and administration of the program; (vi) evaluate the local oversight and administration of the program, specifically with regard to delivering cost-effective services, evaluating service delivery outcomes, and managing individual cases; and (vii) determine whether any fundamental changes are needed to the program to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of serving youth and their families.

JLARC shall make recommendations as necessary and review other issues as warranted.

All agencies of the Commonwealth, including the Office of Children's Services, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Virginia Department of

Medical Assistance Services, the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, local school divisions and school boards, local departments of social services and boards, and Community Services Boards shall provide assistance, information, and data to JLARC for this study, upon request. JLARC staff shall have access to all information in the possession of state agencies pursuant to § 30-59 and § 30-69 of the Code of Virginia. No provision of the Code of Virginia shall be interpreted as limiting or restricting the access of JLARC staff to information pursuant to its statutory authority.