

**MINUTES – June 7, 2018**  
**STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)**  
**CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT**  
**Richmond Room**  
**1604 Santa Rosa Road**  
**Richmond, VA**

**Members Present:** Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., SLAT Chair, CPMT-LDSS Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Vice-Chair, CSA Coordinators Network; The Honorable Greg Carr, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Malcolm King, DBHDS; Pam Fisher, DBHDS; Christina Owens, DOE; Valerie Boykin, DJJ; Carl Ayers, VDSS; Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Victor Evans, CSA Coordinators Network; Kellie Evans, VCOPPA; Shannon Updike, VCOPPA; Ann Bevan, DMAS; Ashley Harrell, DMAS; Martha Carroll, CPMT – CSU Representative (*effective July 1, 2018*)

**Members Absent:** Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Jeannine Uzel, VDH

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

**Introductions and Chair Remarks**

Tamara Temoney, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Karen Reilly-Jones, seconded by Ann Bevan and carried.

**Public Comment**

Public comment was made by Jane Vaught (UMFS) regarding follow-up to a concern she reported at SLAT’s December 2017 meeting about wait times when calling the Child Protective Services (CPS) hotline. She noted that she had not heard back on the concerns she raised at that meeting.

Carl Ayers asked that individuals reach out to him with concerns about the hotline and not SLAT. Mr. Ayers explained that, while extremely long wait times are rare, there could be issues with wait times on occasion due to limited staffing and the volume of calls received. VDSS is hiring additional staff and making some technological changes to enhance the functionality and efficiency of the hotline.

**OCS Report**

Mr. Reiner reported on the following items:

- *Legislative* – The state budget has passed and is awaiting the Governor’s signature. While there were no changes to CSA statutes, there were several items pertaining to CSA in the budget:
  - Increasing CSA’s base pool allocation for FY19 and FY20.
  - Developing (with DOE and a designated list of entities) outcome measures for private day special education programs.
  - Conducting a rate setting study for private day special education programs. OCS will receive \$250,000 to conduct the study.
  - Capping rate increases for private day special education programs at 2% during the rate setting study period.

- Collecting and cataloging (on August 1), rates paid by local CSA programs for private day education programs.
- *Training –*
  - Final review is underway for on-line training modules for Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) members. OCS anticipates a July 1 release date.
  - OCS staff members continue to provide trainings both to individual localities and at various training events. A statewide High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) Conference will be held September 12 in Charlottesville.
- *Collaborative Activities -*
  - Mr. Reiner will participate along with Mr. Ayers in a July 19th meeting of the Three Branch Leadership Team that will address Virginia’s response to the Family First Prevention Services Act.
  - Collaboration with DBHDS regarding discharge planning for children at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA).
  - Assistant Director, Zandra Relaford is leading an SEC Ad Hoc Workgroup to consider ways to address and assist localities with utilization management at the local level.
  - OCS Program Consultant, Carol Wilson will be leading a workgroup to develop CANS policy based on existing guidance. The first meeting of the workgroup will be held June 11.
  - The first meeting of a workgroup to advise OCS on redesign of the CSA Service Fee Directory has been held. The upgrade will take place in two phases over the next year.

Mr. Reiner noted that several association/agency representatives to SLAT had terms expiring as of June 30, 2018. OCS has been notified concerning the Court Service Units nominations. Karen Reilly-Jones reported that she along with Victor Evans and Mills Jones have been nominated to serve for CSA coordinators. Nominations are still needed for private providers. The SLAT nominations will be presented to the SEC at its June meeting for consideration and approval.

At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Reiner expressed his appreciation to Dr. Temoney for her leadership on SLAT and her representation of SLAT on the SEC over the past two years.

**CSA Training Plan (FY19)**

Zandra Relaford, OCS Assistant Director, provided a report on the draft FY19 Training Plan. She noted that the Plan would be presented to the SEC for their consideration and approval at their June 21 meeting. SLAT members were asked to submit any feedback to OCS in advance of the June SEC meeting.

Of particular note, the possibility of providing trainings on new child serving agency programs that impact CSA (for example the DMAS transition of children’s behavioral health services to the Medallion 4.0 program and the VDSS Kinship Guardianship Program). In addition, OCS has seen an increase in the number of localities requesting training. Where possible, OCS would like to provide training in regional settings (especially for smaller localities) to more efficiently allocate use of staff time, training resources, and to reach a broader group of stakeholders. If SLAT members have ideas or suggestions in this regard, please send to OCS.

The issue of new CSA coordinator retention was also briefly discussed. Mr. Reiner noted that he was open to having further dialogue about the issue. After further discussion, the consensus of SLAT

members was to support the Training Plan as submitted. Mr. Reiner will present the FY18 Annual Training Report at SLAT's August meeting.

#### **Family First Prevention Services Act**

Carl Ayers, Director of Family Services at VDSS, provided an update on the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, which was enacted at the federal level in February and will become effective as early as October 2019. The Family First Prevention Services Act, reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to provide services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system. He provided a basic overview of the Act and highlighted a number of provisions and changes that will affect the child welfare and CSA systems in Virginia.

Mr. Ayers noted that an implementation leadership team has been established and will soon have its first meeting. From that team, a number of workgroups will be established to assist in the implementation effort. SLAT asked that an update on implementation of the Act become a standing agenda item.

#### **IACCT/Children's Behavioral Health Transition at DMAS**

Ashley Harrell from DMAS provided an update for Medicaid covered residential treatment services. She reviewed goals for the program noting that services are to be individualized, short term, and focused on comprehensive discharge planning. Ms. Harrell also reviewed current Medicaid statistics for residential treatment services.

Effective April 1, 2019 all behavioral health services will be covered by managed care plans (CCC+ and Medallion 4). Ms. Harrell provided information on how the IACCT process is being revised/enhanced for that transition. She invited Mr. Ayers and Mr. Reiner to participate in the July Behavioral Health Quality Collaborative meeting. SLAT members ask that an update become a standing agenda item. She will forward a copy of today's presentation for distribution to SLAT.

#### **Report from the Nominating Committee**

Dr. Temoney reported that she, Andelicia Neville, Kellie Evans and Ashley Harrell served on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommended Karen Reilly-Jones to serve as SLAT Chair and Shannon Updike to serve as SLAT Vice-Chair for FY19. There being no further nominations from the floor, the recommendations from the Nominating Committee were approved by SLAT.

Dr. Temoney thanked SLAT members for the opportunity to serve as the Chair. She noted that she continues to look forward to working on SLAT.

#### **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

Due to time constraints, other agenda items were deferred until the August meeting. The next meeting will be held August 2, 2018 at the Tuckahoe Library. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.