

MINUTES – October 6, 2016
STATE & LOCAL ADVISORY TEAM (SLAT)
CHILDREN’S SERVICES ACT
Dining Hall, UMFS
3900 W. Broad Street
Richmond, VA

Members Present: Tamara Temoney, Ph.D., SLAT Chair, CPMT – LDSS Representative; Andelicia Neville, Parent Representative; Shannon Updike, Private Provider Representative; The Honorable Greg Carr, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Representative; Karen Reilly-Jones, CSA Coordinators Network; Sabrina Gross, DOE; Angela Neely, CPMT – School Representative; Susan Aylor, CPMT – School Representative; Beth Stinnett, DJJ; Letha Fisher, VDH; Brian Campbell, DMAS; Carl Ayers, VDSS

Members Absent: Chuck Walsh, CPMT – CSB Representative; Ron Belay, CPMT – CSU Representative

Guests and Staff Members Present: Mills Jones, Jackie Cowan, Nick Bonaccorsy, John Dougherty, Katie Boyle, Penny Combs, Claiborne Mason, Hadley Corcoran, Leah Mills, Di Hayes, Janet Areson, Scott Reiner, Kristi Schabo, Marsha Mucha.

Introductions and Chair Remarks

Tamara Temoney, SLAT Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. She welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Shannon Updike, seconded by Carl Ayers and carried.

Public Comment

Public comments were made concerning implementation of the new Magellan/DMAS Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT) process. Karen Reilly-Jones, SLAT Vice-Chair and CSA Coordinator for Chesterfield/Colonial Heights presented comment on behalf of several CSA coordinators unable to attend the meeting:

- Jeannie Decker – Warren County
- Margie Messick – Culpeper County

Mrs. Reilly-Jones also made public comment.

At the conclusion of public comments, Mr. Reiner reported that he had received additional information concerning IACCT implementation. He reported a one week delay for localities to decide whether or not they would like to apply to become the IACCT. Policy implementation will be delayed one month and rates are still under consideration. Questions should be directed to DMAS.

After further discussion, members decided on a motion by Karen Reilly-Jones and seconded by Pam Fisher, to gather concerns to present in an aggregate format to Dr. Hazel, Chair of the SEC. The motion carried and Karen Reilly-Jones volunteered to receive/compile the input from individual members. Input should be submitted to her by mid-November.

SEC Report

Dr. Temoney provided a report on the September 15 SEC meeting. She noted that the following reports were presented, reviewed by the SEC and will be submitted as required:

- SLAT report to the SEC on the Use of State Pool Funds for Wraparound Services for Students with Disabilities was accepted by the SEC and will be forwarded to the Commission on Youth (COY) as requested.
- Workgroup report on Options for Funding Educational Costs for Students Placed through Medicaid in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for Non-Educational Reasons.
- Workgroup report on Options for Increasing the Integration of Children Receiving Special Education in Private Day Settings into their Home School Districts.

OCS Report

Mr. Reiner reported final FY16 OCS service expenditures of \$364M a 6% increase over FY15. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the number of private day educational placements.

He also reported that OCS and VDSS will be issuing guidance on licensure of providers of independent living services. Mr. Reiner noted that a number of providers of independent living services have been operating without proper licensure.

Review of SLAT Activities in the FY16-18 CSA Work Plan

Dr. Temoney explained that the remainder of the meeting would be used to identify trends and/or the top concerns of members. Once identified, these items will be compared to the goals and strategies for the FY16-FY18 biennial plan endorsed by the SEC and SLAT at their joint retreat last December.

Members were asked to write the top two issues of the groups they represented and to post them on the easels provided. (List of issues attached.) Dr. Temoney and members then linked broad issues for further discussion. Members discussed a number of potential ways to further support parent/family involvement in the CSA process. Utilization of data to improve child and family outcomes was also discussed. It was noted that several data projects are currently underway. The SEC also has an Outcomes Committee and SLAT members Angela Neely, Pam Fisher and Karen Reilly-Jones agreed to join the Committee and report back to SLAT on the Committee's activities.

After further discussion, Dr. Temoney asked members to reach out to their stakeholders for strategies and/or best practices to share with SLAT. This information will be useful as SLAT develops its Work Plan and action steps at the December meeting.

Member Updates

Members provided updates on activities within their agencies, service on workgroups and advocacy through their associations for improvements to services and service delivery to the children, youth and families of Virginia. The VCOPPA Critical Issues Symposium will be held November 2 and 3.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. on a motion by Carl Ayers which was seconded by Sharon Updike, and carried.

Issues Identified by SLAT members – October 6, 2016

- Lack of prevention services, funding for statewide programs to intervene earlier – staff, programs, resources
- Funding within Virginia Department of Health continues to put at risk the services we are able to provide (i.e. well-child, injury prevention, domestic abuse and non-mandated programs)
- Inconsistent use of preventive services, increased residential placements and member outcomes
- Rising costs of private day placements to CSA budgets
- SPED placement costs – lack of CSA involvement
- Quality services – need for clear and consistent expectations for outcome
- Imposing state policies without stakeholder collaboration and communication
- Implementation of High Fidelity Wraparound – being true to model
- Basic service availability – ability in all jurisdictions especially rural jurisdictions – absence leads to “justice by geography”
- Increasing needs of the children and families we serve, especially around the substance abuse epidemic
- Teenage drug culture and availability of mind altering substances to children
- Private day placements – integrating these students back into their home districts
- Effectively utilizing CANS in service delivery
- Serving youth in kinship placements
- Increase of mental health/behavioral needs of young children in public schools
- Violation of risk principle and net-widening with juvenile justice system – low risk kids in detention because lack understanding of social/treatment needs verses public safety
- In general the separation between SPED/general education and mental health
- Parents are not fully informed about all service options and how to access them
- More parental participation on local boards and/or committees – breaking down of silos
- A lack of understanding among agencies and local governments of the significant needs of youth and families

- Increasing family and youth voice and choice in care
- Lack of connection of low income families to appropriate services
- Lack of uniform and consistent access to community-based services across the state
- Increase in private school day placements for SPED kids despite increased SPED programming in public schools
- Service quality – absence effective evidence-based treatment models (or at least evidence-informed)
- Clarity in accessing community services
- Proposed changes to the process of placing youth in residential programs
- Implementation of new IACCT process with Magellan/DMAS
- Inconsistent CON processes and team members – impact member outcomes and risk federal funding