

**Commonwealth of Virginia
State Board of Social Services**

**Department of Social Services
Central Regional Office
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Richmond, VA 23229**

October 19, 2016

Attending: Mr. Darrell Jordan (Chair), Dr. Danny Avula (Vice-Chair), Ms. Veronica Washington (Secretary), Ms. Lou Ali, Ms. MaryAnn Boyd, Mr. Willie Greene, Mr. John Kines, Mr. Clyde Santana

Absent: Ms. Joan Brennan, Ms. Mona Malik, Mr. Kent Willis

Also in Attendance: Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze (Commissioner), Ms. Ellen Malenke (Assistant Attorney General).

Meeting called to order at 10:00am – Mr. Jordan

Review of Agenda – Ms. Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Comments from the Commissioner – Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze
Commissioner Schultze shared information regarding the FY17 budget shortfalls. The Commissioner shared that legislative proposals will be shared in December. She also shared that the Governor is expected to present Medicaid expansion.

Commissioner Schultze provided updates on the following four major agency projects:

1. Eligibility Modernization
2. Permanency for Children in Foster Care
3. Child Support Modernization
4. Safe & Quality Child Care in the Commonwealth

Overview of Adult Day & Assisted Living Programs –Tara Ragland gave presentations titled *Adult Day Care Centers* and *Assisted Living Facilities*. The Board will be considering regulatory actions on both programs in the near future and these presentations provided background for members. Handouts were provided.

Memory Care Units – As part of her presentation on assisted living, Ms. Ragland explained memory care units and related staffing requirements. This portion of her presentation was provided in response to recent correspondence to the Board on the topic. Handouts were provided.

COMMENT PERIOD

Comment from the Public

Andre and Kathleen Galante

Mr. and Mrs. Galante shared their experience with fostering to adopt. Commissioner Schultze encouraged them to speak with Carl Ayers, Director of Family Services.

Scott Connelly – Prince William County DSS Board

Mr. Connelly spoke about the incident that occurred in a Prince William County independent living program. Mr. Connelly wanted to personally thank the state for attending the community meeting and showing their support.

There were no comments from local boards and directors of social services.

There were no comments from boards and directors of community action agencies.

Comments from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives-Cathy Pemberton, Chair

Ms. Pemberton provided updates on the Virginia Case Management Systems (VaCMS). Ms. Pemberton shared that the Children's Services Act is working with Magellan, the management care provider for DMAS, to implement a new process for obtaining a certificates of need for children who need residential treatment facilities. She also shared that it is time for local departments to prepare their budgets for next year, and that they are beginning to watch for 2017 legislation.

Child Care Subsidy Overview – Barbara Newlin gave a presentation on the Child Care Subsidy Program and on the Federal Child Care and Block Grant Act. The Board will be considering a regulatory action on child care in the near future and the presentation provided background for members. Handouts were provided.

Permanency for Children in Foster Care – Carl Ayers gave a presentation titled *Permanency 101 and 22VAC40-201 Permanency Services Regulation*. He noted that the Board recently approved a final action on this regulation, but there is already a need to start a new action for more changes. Handouts were provided.

Regulatory Update – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Ms. Clark provided an update on changes with regulatory actions since the last meeting. Of the regulations open for action, ten had advanced to the Secretary, Governor or published for public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve August 2016 minutes

On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.

2. Benefit Programs Appreciation Month Resolution

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Greene), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.

Ms. Donna DeBoard, BPRO 1st Vice President, was present to accept the resolution.

3. 2017 State Board of Social Services Meeting Schedule

On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Washington), second (Mr. Greene), motion approved with correction with all in favor.

4. Administrative/Human Resources Manual for Local Departments of Social Services, Chapter 2 Classification & Compensation

On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Boyd), second (Mr. Greene), motion approved with all in favor.

5. 22VAC40-201, Permanency Services Prevention, Foster Care, Adoption and Independent Living - NOIRA

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with all in favor.

Board Member & Chair Comments

Mr. Kines thought it was a nice meeting and was very informative.

Ms. Ali thought the meeting was very informative and thought it was interesting to hear about the usage of the kiosks and different options to make child support payments.

Ms. Washington thanked the Commissioner for the updates and information on the Big Four. She enjoyed and learned from all the presenters, appreciated the clarity on the assisted living facilities, was excited to hear the family partnership meetings are doing well and hopes there will continue to be a push for kinship care.

Dr. Avula was thankful for Carl's presentation and he publically thanked Cathy Pemberton for providing training on Bridges Out of Poverty for his staff.

Mr. Santana thanked Ms. Ragland, Ms. Newlin, and Ms. Kelly for the presentations. He was very impressed with the Commissioner's response to the public comment by Mr. and Mrs. Galante.

Ms. Boyd appreciated all the presentations that were made. She learns more every time and especially enjoyed learning about the Adult Day Care and Assisted Living. She also appreciated the Commissioner's response to Mr. and Mrs. Galante.

Mr. Greene thought it was a good meeting and noted that Mr. Jordan is doing a good job as chairman. He commented that he always learns something at the meetings.

Mr. Jordan was grateful for Carl's presentation and encouraged the Board to visit their local departments of social services to learn more about what the state does. He shared that the Fatherhood team has started a newsletter and encouraged members to sign up.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.