

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

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

**April 20, 2016**

**Attending:** Mr. Willie Greene, Sr. (Chair), Ms. Joanne Webster (Secretary), Dr. Jack Knapp, Mr. Darrell Jordan, Mr. Clyde Santana, Ms. Veronica Washington, Mr. Kent Willis.

**Absent:** Ms. Lou Ali, Dr. Danny Avula, Ms. Sheila Coppage, Ms. Mona Malik.

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

**Meeting called to order at 10:01 am** – Mr. Willie Greene, Sr.

**Review of Agenda** – Ms. Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

**Comments from the Commissioner** – Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- April 20, 2016 is Veto Day, the Reconvened Session, for the General Assembly. The Governor had a record number of vetoes and amendments, none impacted the Agency. Commissioner Schultze provided updates on the agency bills; the handout titled *Department of Social Services 2016 Legislative Tracking Sheet* was provided.
- Commissioner Schultze provided the Child Care microsite: [www.childcareva.com](http://www.childcareva.com). This website is a tool for families and providers on how to select quality child care.
- Commissioner Schultze, Carl Ayers, and Pam Kestner, Special Advisor on Families, Children and Poverty, attended the 2016 National Governors Association Two-Generation State Policy Forum in Salt Lake City, UT on March 14-16, 2016. The forum highlighted improving outcomes for children and families.
- Commissioner Schultze provided a booklet from the Virginia Department of Health titled *Virginia's Plan for Well-Being 2016-2020*. Commissioner Schultze highlighted the Aims referenced on pages 6 and 7 of the booklet.
- The Commissioner noted that the June 2016 meeting will be a two-day meeting at the Child Support Enforcement office in Fairfax. She noted that several major regulatory actions are scheduled to be on the agenda for action and hoped that all members will attend.

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 No Wrong Door** – Katie Roeper and Paige McCleary

Katie Roeper and Paige McCleary gave a presentation titled *Servicing Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities through No Wrong Door*. Ms. Roeper and Ms. McCleary provided handouts.

##### **Practice Profiles: Focusing on Well-Being** – Carl Ayers

Carl Ayers gave a presentation titled *Practice Profiles and Well-Being*. Mr. Ayers provided handouts.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

##### ***Comment from the Public***

##### **Jack Lanier** – Quin Rivers, Inc. Community Action Agency

Mr. Lanier expressed appreciation for the funding received from the Department of Social Services. In FY 2016, Quin Rivers received about \$267,000 from the department and this money is used to assist in several of their programs, in particular the Healthy Families Program and Project Hope.

##### **Tawana Bryant** – Virginia Association of Independent Minority Owned Assisted Living Facilities

Ms. Bryant spoke about the differences between assisted living facilities. Ms. Bryant shared that other facilities have medical regulations and are high in cost. Ms. Bryant's ALF's consist of two levels of care which are residential and assisted care; and she spoke on the differences in regulations and cost.

**Linwood Russell** – Mr. Russell shared his concerns and funding issues with assisted living facilities.

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 Services Executives*** – Cathy Pemberton

Ms. Pemberton noted it is Child Abuse Prevention Month and local agencies have worked on projects to bring child abuse awareness to the community. Ms. Pemberton commented that it was a successful General Assembly. Ms. Pemberton shared that Dr. Avula attended the Bridges out of Poverty event held in March. She also shared there was funding left over and the funds were used in support of the six goals of the Community Action Agency.

##### ***Comments from the Virginia Community Action Partnership*** – Jim Schuyler

Commissioner Schultze shared that Mr. Schuyler was named the recipient of the Extra Mile Award by the National Community Action Foundation in Washington, DC. Mr. Schuyler congratulated Dr. Avula on being named the Richmond City Health District Director. Mr. Schuyler spoke about receiving funding and the positive reception from the General Assembly.

##### **Regulatory Update** – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Ms. Clark provided an update on the Permanency Regulation, 22VAC 40-201, highlighted on page 3 of the Regulatory Status Report. Ms. Clark shared that the Governor approved final action and it becomes effective June 1, 2016.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Approve February 2016 Minutes**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Ms. Webster), second (Dr. Knapp), motion approved with all in favor.
- 2. 22VAC40-325, Fraud Reduction/Elimination Effort – Proposed Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Dr. Knapp), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.

### **Appoint Nominating Committee for New Officers – Willie Green**

Mr. Greene appointed Dr. Knapp, Mr. Jordan, and Mr. Santana as the nominating committee for new officers.

### **Board Member Comments**

Mr. Santana was impressed with the presentations and thanked Carl Ayers, Katie Roeper, and Paige McCleary.

Ms. Washington was grateful to be there, hopes to get reappointed, and learned a lot of information from the presentations.

Mr. Willis was impressed with Carl Ayers' presentation.

Mr. Greene thought it was a good meeting and was glad to hear the presentations.

Mr. Jordan applauded the department's work on fostering futures and applauded the strategy shift.

Dr. Knapp thought Carl Ayers' presentation was good, he thought Katie Roeper posed a good question about money, and he was pleased to be able to serve on the Board.

Ms. Webster echoed Dr. Knapp's comments and feels the group does great work.

### **Adjourned at 2:15pm**