

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

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

December 14, 2016

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

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

Meeting called to order at 10:02am – Mr. Jordan

Review of Agenda – Ms. Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Comments from the Commissioner – Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze
Commissioner Schultze provided a high-level summary of the legislative proposals. Thirteen proposals were submitted in the areas of child support, child welfare, and licensing.

The legislative session begins January 11, 2017 and anticipates adjournment on or before February 25. The Commissioner will provide updates to the Board in February.

Commissioner Schultze shared that the Government's budget will be released on Friday and shared information on the agency's proposed budget.

Division of Community & Volunteer Services – Fran Inge gave a presentation on the overview of Community and Volunteer Services. Handouts were provided.

Newcomer Services – Ms. Inge gave a presentation on Newcomer Services. Handouts were provided.

COMMENT PERIOD

Comment from the Public

Kim Hulcher – VA Child Care Association; **Jane Jones** – Early Challenges Child Care; **Rosemary Burton** – Minnieland; **Michael Fust** – A.C.P. Day Care Inc.; **Clark Andrs** – River's Bend Children's Center; **Jane Gerdy** – Elizabeth's Early Learning Center; and **Kelley Mulcunry** – Bundle of Joy shared their concerns and issues with subsidy requirements and regulations and the Federal Block Grant.

Rosalind Robinson – Ms. Robinson shared her concerns of being denied an appeal for long term care home for her mother. Commissioner Schultze explained to Ms. Robinson Adult Protective Services is

under the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and the Commissioner offered to speak with Ms. Robinson after the board meeting.

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 shared that it is a busy time with the legislation season and they are in the process of preparing the budget. Ms. Pemberton pointed out that the JLARC report indicated the Medicaid caseload has increased by 16% over the last five years and that other caseloads continue to decrease.

Comments from the Virginia Community Action Partnership – Jim Schuyler, Director
Mr. Schuyler provided updates on funding for federal programs.

Department of Social Services Budget Overview – J.R. Simpson, Chief Deputy Commissioner
Due to the water issue and need for early adjournment, the Chairman announced that Mr. Simpson's presentation would be postponed to February.

Regulatory Update – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Approve October 2016 minutes**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Washington), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with all in favor.
- 2. 22VAC40-211, Resource, Foster and Adoptive Family Home Approval Standards – Proposed**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Greene), motion approved with all in favor.
- 3. 22VAC40-60, Standards and Regulations for Licensed Adult Day Care Centers – Proposed**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Boyd), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with Mr. Greene abstaining.

Board Member & Chair Comments

Mr. Santana enjoyed Ms. Inge's presentations and the information on refugees. He thought it was nice to hear from the public and how they were able to voice their opinion and he liked how the Commissioner informed Ms. Robinson about the correct agency.

Mr. Kines appreciated the Commissioner explaining DARS. He thought it was good the public shared their comments and was happy to be at the meeting. He requested a future presentation on assistance programs for adults and Commissioner Schultze agreed to do so.

Ms. Boyd is humbled by the work of the agency. She liked Ms. Inge's presentations, was happy to hear the public comments and she learned a lot.

Mr. Greene enjoyed Ms. Inge's presentations and he learned a lot.

Ms. Malik thought it was an interesting meeting, the 2-1-1 information was very important and she enjoyed Ms. Inge's presentations.

Ms. Ali enjoyed hearing about 2-1-1 and the refugee program.

Mr. Willis thought the meeting was enlightening and thanked Ms. Inge for the information. He enjoyed the newcomer services information and thought it was eye opening.

Ms. Brennan enjoyed the meeting and information. As a preschool director, she focused on the public comments regarding regulations for CPR.

Ms. Washington thanked the Commissioner for the information on the centralized CPS intake. She thought Ms. Inge's presentations were excellent and was glad to see the collective interest from the public regarding day care regulations.

Dr. Avula is inspired by the work of the department and thinks it will be helpful for board members to be refreshed in their roles and how to take public comments, and to learn more and advocate for legislation.

Mr. Jordan thought it was a great meeting and encouraged members to continue to educate themselves. He reminded members of the number of organizations to help foster children across the state during the holiday season.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.