

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

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

October 16, 2019

Attending: Ms. Lou Ali (Chair), Ms. MaryAnn Boyd (Vice Chair), Mr. William Boone (Secretary), Mr. Kent Willis, Ms. Veronica Washington, Ms. Mona Malik, Ms. Joan Brennan, Mr. Clyde Santana, Mr. John Kines, Dr. Andrew Heck, and Dr. Danny Avula.

Also in Attendance: Mr. Duke Storen (Commissioner) and Ms. Ellen Malenke (Assistant Attorney General).

Meeting called to order at 10:00am – Ms. Ali

Review of Agenda – Ms. Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Comments from the Commissioner – Mr. Duke Storen

Commissioner Storen thanked everyone for being there. He gave a special thank you to the local departments of social services for their on-going commitment and great work, and thanked the community action agencies and the support from government partners. He provided federal and state updates.

COMMENT PERIOD

Comment from the Public

Linwood Russell – Mr. Russell expressed his concerns about SB 1326. He feels the regulation to reduce the capacity of the bed size discriminates against the clients' rights. He wants respect and dignity for all. He wants to make sure the changes in administration understands what is going on.

Tawana Bryant – Ms. Bryant spoke about SB 1326. She talked about the impact of eliminating beds at her assisted living facility and its effect on the community.

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

Comment from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives – Andy Crawford, President
Mr. Crawford shared good news that the Three Branch Initiative has proven to do good work in preparation for Families First. He expressed his appreciation for the letter written by the Board and thanked them for the work they do.

Regulatory Update – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Ms. Clark provided the status update on 22VAC40-61 highlighted on page 1 of the report; 22VAC40-201 highlighted on page 2; 22VAC40-211 and 22VAC40-221 highlighted on page 3; 22VAC40-677 highlighted on page 4; and 22VAC40-705 highlighted on page 5.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Approved August 2019 Meeting Minutes**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.
- 2. Adopt 2020 Meeting Schedule**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Ms. Malik), motion approved with all in favor.
- 3. Benefit Programs Specialist Recognition**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Dr. Heck), motion approved with all in favor.
- 4. Report Requested by Clerk of the Senate Regarding SB1326 - Draft for consideration & approval by State Board of Social Services**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Ms. Malik), motion to approve draft report submission with the additional language suggested by Dr. Avula.
- 5. 22VAC40-325, Fraud Reduction/Elimination Effort – NOIRA**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.
- 6. 780 Periodic Review Report**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Dr. Avula), motion approved with all in favor.
- 7. 901 Periodic Review Report**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.
- 8. 680 Periodic Review Report**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Washington), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.

Board Member Requests for Future Information

Ms. Ali asked members for closing comments and suggestions for future meeting topics. Members provided reflective comments on the meeting in general. Mr. Boone would like a discussion about the proposed transfer of responsibilities for young children from the Department of Social Services to the Department of Education. Dr. Heck would like an update on mental health in the assisted living facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27am.