

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

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420 N. Center Drive
Norfolk, VA**

June 15, 2022

Attending: Mr. Clyde Santana (Chair), Mr. John Kines (Secretary), Mr. Kent Willis, Ms. Megan Miloser
Mr. William Boone, Ms. Zulma Santos, Ms. Sheryl Garland, Ms. Rachna Sizemore Heizer.

Absent: Ms. Mona Malik, Ms. Lou Ali, Ms. Jennifer Slack

Also in Attendance: Dr. Danny Avula (Commissioner) and Ms. Ellen Malenke (Assistant Attorney
General).

Meeting called to order at 9:30am – Clyde Santana

Opening Remarks – Peter Gezzi, Pamela Little-Hill, and Denise Gallop provided opening remarks and
shared brief updates on the Eastern Regional office and local area DSS offices.

Comments from the Commissioner – Dr. Avula provided local, state, and federal updates.

SNAP Caseloads & Community Outreach – Angela Morse provided an overview of the SNAP Caseloads
and Community Outreach.

Local Recruitment & Retention – Bertha Judge provided an overview on Local Recruitment and
Retention.

COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

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 this is his last League update, he leaves office at the end of this month. Rebecca
Morgan will become League president effective July 1. Mr. Crawford provided feedback on local
recruitment and retention. The League is working on how to better advocate at the federal level to
expand funding for recruitment and retention. He shared the League will begin to advocate for
employees to be seen as public safety officials. He spoke about the SNAP Medicaid unwinding. He
thanked the Board for the many opportunities to update them on League concerns.

2022 General Assembly Update – Karin Clark provided updates on the 2022 General Assembly.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approved April 2022 Meeting Minutes
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Miloser), motion approved with all in favor.
2. Isle of Wight Deviation Request
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Ms. Garland), motion approved with all in favor.
3. VAC40-411 General Relief Program – Request to Withdraw Action
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Mr. Boone), motion approved with all in favor.
4. 22VAC40-73 Periodic Review Report
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Garland), motion approved with all in favor.
5. 22VAC-160 Periodic Review Report
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Ms. Miloser), motion approved with all in favor.
6. 22VAC40-705 Child Protective Services – Emergency/NOIRA
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.
7. State Board of Social Services Investigation Guidelines
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Miloser), motion approved with all in favor. In follow-up to a question from the 4/20/2022 meeting regarding how the guidelines will be memorialized, it was agreed that they will become an appendix to the Board’s bylaws.
8. Report from Nominating Committee/Elect New Officers
Ms. Garland and Ms. Miloser provided the report on behalf of the committee. Nominated were: William Boone for Chair; John Kines for Vice Chair, and Megan Miloser for Secretary.
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Ms. Heizer), motion approved with all in favor.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members – Commissioner Avula presented Mr. Santana and Mr. Willis with engraved Revere Bowls to recognize their eight years of service to the Board.

Mr. Willis shared his appreciation for the Board and he encouraged the Board to continue to advocate.

Mr. Santana also shared his appreciation for the Board and he wished the Board the best of luck.

Board Member Requests for Future Information

Ms. Santos requested information on the extended PEBT program effective in August and information on the Virginia restaurant meals initiative.

Ms. Garland requested information on the allocation methodology across localities.

Mr. Boone requested information on the progress of the allocation formula.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm.