

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

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

August 18, 2021

Attending: Mr. Clyde Santana (Chair), Ms. Mona Malik (Vice Chair), Mr. John Kines (Secretary), Mr. William Boone, Ms. Megan Miloser, Mr. Kent Willis.

Absent: Ms. Lou Ali

Also in Attendance: Ms. Gena Berger (Chief Deputy Commissioner) and Ms. Ellen Malenke (Assistant Attorney General).

Meeting called to order at 10:00am – Clyde Santana

Mr. Santana thanked everyone for attending. He called for a moment of silence for the world's current events. He acknowledged Commissioner Storen for his work with the Afgan evacuees.

Review of Agenda – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Comments from the Commissioner – Gena Berger

Commissioner Storen was not in attendance. He was assisting with the State Emergency Repatriation for the Afghan evacuees. Chief Deputy Commissioner Berger provided updates on the Commissioner's behalf. She provided an update on the Afghan repatriation status. She provided local, state, and federal updates.

Roll Call

The Chair took the roll call and explained that member Jennifer Slack requested to participate electronically. Asst. Attorney General Ellen Malenke explained that pursuant to § 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, Ms. Slack needed to state the personal reason she could not attend in person and the Board needs to approval her electronic participation. Ms. Slack stated she was participating electronically from 103 Blinko Lane in Charlottesville, 22902 not feeling safe traveling due to the Covid 19 pandemic. On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Mr. Kines), Ms. Slack's request was approved.

2021 Special Session II Update – Gena Berger and Ida Witherspoon provided an overview of the 2021 Special Session II.

Electronic Meetings of Public Bodies – Ellen Malenke provided an overview of electronic meetings of public bodies. ***On Motion Duly Made***, (Mr. Willis), second (Ms. Malik), motion to have the agency explore all options to maximize access and bring them to the Board, was approved with six in favor (Willis, Boone, Miloser, Santana, Malik, Slack) and one abstention (Kines).

COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

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

There were no comments from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives.

Comment from the Virginia Community Action Partnership – Jim Schulyer, Executive Director Mr. Schuyler spoke about the focus on recovery legislation at the national level and how it could significantly reduce poverty, broaden opportunity and increase racial and economic equity in the United States. He also spoke about the twenty-four page paper from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities which provides further details and he shared a link to the paper. The link was shared with the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approved June 2021 Meeting Minutes
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.
2. Child Welfare Workforce Month September 2021 Resolution
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Miloser), motion approved with all in favor.
3. 22VAC40-12, Public Participation Guidelines – Report of Periodic Review Findings
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.
4. 22VAC40-211, Foster and Adoptive Home Approval Standards – Proposed Regulation
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.
5. 22VAC40-73, Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities – Exempt Regulation
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Boone), motion approved with all in favor.
6. 22VAC40-80, General Procedures and Information for Licensure – Exempt Regulation
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Miloser), motion approved with all in favor.
7. 22VAC40-201, Permanency Services – Exempt Regulation
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.
8. 22VAC40-705, Child Protective Services – Exempt Regulation
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.

9. Withdrawal of Pending Child Care Regulatory Actions

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

Board Member Requests for Future Information

There were no requests for future meeting topics.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am