

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

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

**October 20, 2021**

**Attending:** Mr. Clyde Santana (Chair), Mr. John Kines (Secretary), Mr. William Boone, Ms. Megan Miloser, Mr. Kent Willis, Ms. Lou Ali, Ms. Jennifer Slack.

**Absent:** Ms. Mona Malik

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

**Meeting called to order at 10:07am** – Clyde Santana  
Mr. Santana thanked everyone for attending.

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

**Comments from the Commissioner** – Duke Storen

Commissioner Storen extended his appreciation for the Board's service to the mission of the Commonwealth. He also extended his appreciation for the work done by the Community Action Agencies, local departments of social services, and the contractors. He provided local, state, and federal updates, as well as an update on the work of the agency regarding evacuees.

**Afghan Evacuee Response & Next Steps** – Fran Inge provided an overview of the Afghan evacuee response and next steps.

**Update on Increasing Public Access to Board Meetings** – Gena Berger provided an update on increasing public access to the board meetings.

**2022 Agency Legislation & Budget Requests** – Gena Berger provided an overview of the 2022 agency legislation and budget requests.

**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** – Lana Mullins, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Mullins shared the League’s three primary legislative priorities; fund the child welfare information system, fund the kinship navigator program, and appropriate funding for family based placement capacity building. She spoke about staff recruitment and retention and information systems.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approved August 2021 Meeting Minutes  
The chair noted that a summary of Jim Schulyer’s comments were absent from the meeting minutes and asked that they be amended to include the information. ***On Motion Duly Made,*** (Mr. Boone), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with amendment with all in favor.
  
2. 2022 State Board of Social Services Meeting Schedule  
***On Motion Duly Made,*** (Ms. Ali), second (Ms. Slack), motion approved with all in favor.

**Board Member Requests for Future Information**

Mr. Boone requested advocating funding for the General Assembly be added to the December 15, 2021 meeting agenda.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm.**