

Commonwealth of Virginia
State Board of Social Services

Virginia Department of Social Services
5600 Cox Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

June 12, 2024

Attending: Buckey Boone (Chair), John Kines (Vice Chair), Megan Miloser, Leslie Ford, Don Carey, DeRonda Short, Zulma Santos, Sheryl Garland, Jennifer Slack, and Maria Benjamin.

Absent: Rachna Heizer

Also in Attendance: James Williams (Acting Commissioner) and Ellen Malenke (Assistant Attorney General).

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

Comments from the Commissioner – Acting Commissioner Williams provided local, state, and federal updates.

COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

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

Comment from the VA Community Action Partnership – Erik Johnston, Executive Director
Mr. Johnston thanked Acting Commissioner Williams for meeting with the executive committee and he appreciates the partnership with the Community Action. He also thanked Rebecca Morgan and the League of Social Services. The Community Action had great regional meetings where for the first time the Community Action and local departments came together with some of the small peer groups on the match saving program. He thanked the Governor and the general assembly on the volunteer income tax assistance program. He shared that the whole family two generation pilot continues in the two-year biennium. The Community Action hopes to have the opportunity with Virginia Energy and the home rebate programs.

Comment from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives – Rebecca Morgan, President
Ms. Morgan shared the League is excited about the training academy and hope that are renovations going on and hope to give a tour at some point. They are busy partnering with VDSS on implementing the kinship bill that was unanimously passed by the general assembly. The League is working with BPRO to hold a legislative advocacy event at VDSS. At the July board meeting, the League will focus on recruitment and retention. They've partnered with VDSS to secure funding to contract with a marketing firm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approved April 2024 Meeting Minutes**
On Motion Duly Made, (Don Carey), second (Sheryl Garland), motion approved with all in favor.
2. **22VAC40-61, Standards & Regulations for Licensed Adult Day Care Centers – Notice of Intended Regulatory Action**
On Motion Duly Made, (Jennifer Slack), second (Don Carey), motion approved with all in favor.
3. **Exempt Regulations**
 - 22VAC40-61 Standards & Regulations for Licensed Adult Day Care Centers
 - 22VAC40-73 Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities
 - 22VAC40-80 General Procedures & Information for Licensure
 - 22VAC40-90, Regulation for Criminal Record Checks for ALFs and Adult Day Care Centers*On Motion Duly Made*, (Les Ford), second (Sheryl Garland), motion to approve with all in favor.
4. **Report from Nominating Committee (Les Ford & Maria Benjamin) & Election of New Board Officers 7/1/2024-6/30/2025**
The Nominating Committee (Leslie Ford and Maria Benjamin) recommended Don Carey as Chair, DeRonda Short as Vice-Chair, and Sheryl Garland as Secretary.
On Motion Duly Made, (Jennifer Slack), second (Zulma Santos), motion approved with all in favor.

Vicarious Trauma in the DSS Human Services Workforce: Findings and Recommendations – Laurie Crawford provided an update on vicarious trauma.

Local Workforce Development Boards & Local Departments of Social Services – Carl Ayers provided an overview on local workforce development boards and local DSS.

Medicaid Unwinding & Kinship Updates – Carl Ayers provided updates on Medicaid Unwinding and Kinship updates.

House Bill 894 - Freedom of Information Act – Ellen Fulmer provided an overview of HB 894.

State Board of Social Services Bylaws Discussion – This was continuation of a discussion from the 4/17/2024 meeting. Ms. Ford moved to amend the bylaws to allow the Chair to vote and speak. After some discussion, Ms. Ford made an amended motion to create a committee to review the bylaws on issues related but not limited to the chair's ability to speak and vote and increasing the number of all-virtual meetings. The incoming Chair will appoint members to the committee.

On Motion Duly Made, (Les Ford), second (Megan Miloser), motion approved with all in favor.

Appoint Assisted Living Facility Committee – Mr. Boone appointed Les Ford and Sheryl Garland to serve on the committee.

Recognize Outgoing Members John Kines & Jennifer Slack – Mr. Boone thanked Mr. Kines for his great business and service to the Board. He shared he has been very impressed with Ms. Slack over the years and appreciates her faithfulness, attention to detail and the complication of the work of the Board.

Board Member Comments

There were no Board member comments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39pm

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