

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

**Lynchburg Department of Social Services
99 Ninth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504**

June 20, 2018

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

Absent: Ms. Mona Malik

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

Meeting called to order at 10:00am – Dr. Avula

Dr. Avula thanked the Lynchburg staff for their hospitality for hosting the Board.

Welcome and Introductions – Ms. Penny Hall and Ms. Tamara Rosser

Review of Agenda – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

COMMENT PERIOD

Kim Hulcher, Jane Jones, Andrew Pennock, Suzanne Updike, Pam Evans, Nancy Renner, Marie Sloan, Rebecca Gammon, Molly Gareis, Julie Tucker, Alissa Hansen, Angela Todd, Mary Lou Nellis, Michelle Kim, and Jack Merrit shared their concerns and issues with the proposed licensed child day center and child care program final regulations.

Susan Lawrence and Mark Reed expressed their concerns about the Rockbridge local social services board.

Joan Rowe – Child Care Resource Center at HumanKind

Ms. Rowe provided history about the program and she provided information about the quality of child care in central Virginia.

Comment from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives – Cathy Pemberton, President
Ms. Pemberton spoke about the challenges and experiences encountered throughout the local departments. She encouraged the Board to visit the local agencies. She spoke about the different backgrounds of the local directors and their commitment to their work. Ms. Pemberton shared she is retiring and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Andy Crawford, President Elect

Mr. Crawford thanked Ms. Pemberton for serving four years. He gave an update on the exciting challenging opportunities with Medicaid Expansion and Families First. He spoke about the high addiction rates in his area and which services can be provided to help those in need. He spoke about the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services being awarded money for new computer systems. He thanked the Department of Social Services and the General Assembly for finding and dispersing funds to hire new people.

Comments from the Commissioner – Duke Storen

Commissioner Storen thanked everyone for traveling to Lynchburg and was gratified to see so many people at the Board meeting. The Commissioner gave updates on Medicaid Expansion, TANF reauthorization, and the farm bill. He spoke about the executive action separating children from families. He thanked everyone who came to the meeting and thanked those who offered their perspective during the public comment period.

TANF Standard of Need – Mark Golden gave a presentation on TANF Standard of Need. Handouts were provided. Commissioner Storen noted that the Board will hear more about this topic in future meetings.

Licensed Child Day Centers-Final Action in August 2018 – Tara Ragland briefed the Board on the final regulation, specifically on the changes from proposed to final. In response to concerns expressed by some members and public comment, Ms. Ragland and her staff will explore possible modifications to some areas of the final regulation, for consideration at the August meeting. They relate to CPR certification, 20-hour annual training requirement, and the definition of serious injury.

Update on Rockbridge Investigation – Ellen Malenke provided an update of the investigation procedures. The investigation committee conducted interviews in Lexington on May 31 and June 1. During lunch at the Board meeting, the committee conducted a conference call with Captain McFadden. Ellen recommended a closed session.

CLOSED MEETING

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Dr. Heck) moved to go into a closed meeting for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pertaining to the correspondence and requests received by the Board concerning the Rockbridge local board of social services, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711A.8. Attending the closed meeting were: Dr. Avula, Ms. Ali, Ms. Washington, Mr. Boone, Ms. Brennan, Mr. Santana, Mr. Kines, Dr. Heck, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Willis, Commissioner Storen, and Ellen Malenke. Motion approved with all in favor.

Dr. Avula reconvened the open portion of the session at the conclusion of the closed meeting. He certified that the closed meeting was held in conformity with Virginia law and that only public business matters as identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were discussed. Members unanimously agreed with the certification of the closed meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve April 2018 meeting minutes

On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with all in favor.

2. **22VAC40-293, Locality Groupings-Fast Track**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with all in favor.
3. **22VAC40-705, Child Protective Services-Proposed**
On Motion Duly Made, it was agreed that, because the action was still under review by the Attorney General's office, it would be postponed until August.
4. **22VAC40-221, Additional Daily Supervision Rate Structure- Proposed**
On Motion Duly Made, it was agreed that, because the action was still under review by the Attorney General's office, it would be postponed until August.
5. **22VAC40-661, Child Care Program-Final**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved, with eight in favor (Ali, Santana, Boone, Avula, Brennan, Boyd, Heck, Willis) and two opposed (Kines and Washington)
6. **22VAC40-601, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Withdraw Action**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.
7. **Human Resources Manual Chapter 3-Amend**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.
8. **22VAC40-72, Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities-Exempt**
On Motion Duly Made, (Dr. Heck), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.

Select Nominating Committee for New Officers – Mr. Boone

Dr. Avula was elected to serve again as Board Chair; Kent Willis was elected to serve again as Vice Chair; and MaryAnn Boyd was elected to serve as Secretary.

Member Requests for Future Information

In order to accommodate the Rockbridge-related business during lunch, Chairman Avula deferred two agenda items to August. They include the discussion of the Board's role and responsibilities and the presentation on substance use disorders and parental visitation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.