

Minutes
State Mental Health, Mental Retardation
and Substance Abuse Services Board
April 22, 2004
Richmond, Virginia

- Call To Order:*** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chair, William Pierce.
- Members Present:*** : William Pierce, Hunt Gunter, Virginia Dofflemyer
Garnett Robinson, Elaine McConnell, Nancy Ward, Dr. David Trinkle
and Charles W. "Bunny" Gunn.
- Staff Present:*** Dr. James Reinhard, Ray Ratke, Charline Davidson, Jane Hickey,
Wendy Brown, Neila Gunter, Sue Ridout and Mary Clair O'Hara.
- Agenda:*** The agenda was approved as distributed
- Minutes:*** The Minutes of January 29-30, 2004 were approved as printed.
- Annual Report*** The annual report of the Office of Licensure was received as
information.
- Public Comment:*** None
- Commissioner's Report:*** Dr. Reinhard reported on the Vision Statement of the Department. He
updated the Board regarding Reinvestment, Restructure and Recovery.
He announced that Shirley Ricks is now the Director of Child and
Family Services.
- Inspector General:*** James W. Stewart, recently appointed Inspector General, introduced
himself to the Board and gave a brief overview of the office.
- VACSB*** Mary Ann Bergeron, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of
Community Services Boards, presented their report which included
information on the Informed Consent Program, Grass Roots Advocacy
for Services for Consumers with Substance Use Disorders, VACSB
Budget Priorities and early intervention needs. She also distributed
copies of the brochure for the upcoming Professional Development
Conference.
- Motion:*** It was moved, seconded and approved that a letter be sent from the
Board to Virginia's Congressional delegation asking Congress to
appropriate more funds for the Part C Early Intervention Program as
part of the "No Child Left Behind" legislation.

Evaluation Committee: Hunt Gunter reported that the Evaluation Committee made the following recommendations which were approved by the Board:
Policy 1028 (SYS)90-1 Human Resource Development
Accept changes and request a quarterly report.
Policy 7000(INTER)85-4 Department/University and
College Relationships – Accept changes.
Policy3002(CO)86-16 System-wide Staff Training
Accept changes.

Presentation: Vicky Fisher, Director of the Mental Health Association of Virginia, Deborah Pugh, Project Director, Consumer Empowerment Leadership Training, Mary McQuown and Michael Pendrak, Mental Health Advocates, presented a program on the Consumer Empowerment Leadership Training (CELT).

Liaison with SHRC: Dr. David Trinkle was appointed as the Board’s liaison with the State Human Rights Committee. They also directed that a letter be sent to the Chair of the Committee asking that a member of the committee be appointed as liaison with the Board.

Sub-Committees: Tabled until the next meeting when new members will be appointed.

Adjournment: There being no further business before it, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

William Pierce, Chair

Marlene Butler, Secretary