

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

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

October 14, 2015

Attending: Mr. Willie Greene, Sr. (Chair), Dr. Danny Avula (Vice Chair), Ms. Joanne Webster (Secretary), Ms. Lou Ali, Ms. Sheila Coppage, Mr. Darrell Jordan, Jr., Dr. Jack Knapp, Mr. Clyde Santana, Ms. Veronica Washington, Mr. Kent Willis.

Also in Attendance: Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze (Commissioner), Mr. Allen Wilson (Sr. Assistant Attorney General).

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am – Mr. Willie Greene, Sr.

Comments from the Board Secretary – Ms. Josie Webster

Ms. Webster is the Executive Director for the Virginia Council for Private Education. Ms. Webster shared information about her organization with the Board.

Review of Agenda – Ms. Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Comments from the Commissioner – Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze

- Commissioner Schultze introduced Moniko Coleman, new State Board Liaison.
- Al Wilson announced it was his last meeting. Mr. Wilson accepted a position in the Education Section of the Office of Attorney General. He introduced Jennifer Williamson, Sr. Assistant Attorney. Ms. Williamson will handle Board responsibilities until Mr. Wilson's position is filled.

Commissioner Schultze provided updates on the following major agency projects:

1. Eligibility Modernization
 2. Permanency for Children in Foster Care
 3. Child Support Modernization
 4. Safe & Quality Child Care in the Commonwealth
- Dr. Knapp and Mr. Santana attended the public hearing on the proposed assisted living facility regulation on 10/13/15. Commissioner Schultze noted that a number of the comments pertained to the Auxiliary Grant. Auxiliary grant is a separate program and regulation managed by the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). Public comment will close on November 6, 2015.

- November is adoption awareness month.
- Commissioner Schultze is participating on the Children’s Services Act work group directed by the General Assembly to review the State Executive Council.
- On June 24, 2015, Governor McAuliffe signed the executive order that established the Commission on Parole Review. Commissioner Schultze was asked to serve on the review board and will send Board members the link to the Commission.

Road to Self-Sufficiency Presentation – Ms. Myra Owens

Myra Owens gave a presentation titled The Road to Self-Sufficiency. Ms. Owens showed a video and provided handouts.

Future Regulatory Actions

22VAC40-80, General Procedures and Information for Licensure – Janice Sigler

Ms. Sigler briefed on the proposed regulation, which will be considered by the Board at the December meeting.

22VAC40-675, Personnel Policies & Procedures – Lori Schamerhorn

Ms. Schamerhorn briefed on the proposed regulation, which will be considered by the Board at the December meeting.

COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

There were no comments from Local Boards and Directors of Social Services.

There were no comments from Boards and Directors of Community Action Agencies.

Comments from the Virginia League of Social Services Executives - Shel Douglas

Ms. Douglas spoke on behalf of Cathy Pemberton. Ms. Douglas spoke about VaCMS and the beginning work with new ADB and LTC Medicaid cases in the system and preparing for the conversion of existing cases in those programs in the next few months. The League is concerned about the quality of customer service with the closing of the MMIS bridge. It was agreed that workers will be able to access the bridge for some recipients in certain aid categories of Medicaid. The League is hopeful that the concerns with latency and other system problems will be far more manageable in 2016. The League is looking into efforts for staff funding for additional Family Services Specialist positions.

Comments from the Virginia Community Action Partnership – Jim Schuyler

Mr. Schuyler shared that a number of agencies are celebrating 50 years in 2015. Mr. Schuyler shared his remarks on how to respond to the attacks on the War on Poverty. He plans to share at the December meeting the importance of reframing the message with facts, data, metrics, and outcomes.

Regulatory Update – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

There are 41 regulations; 19 current actions; 12 pending with Governor. Ms. Clark reviewed the changes highlighted on the status report handout.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Approve August 2015 Minutes**
On Motion Duly Made, (Dr. Knapp), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with all in favor.
- 2. 2016 Benefit Programs Specialist Appreciation Resolution**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Webster), second (Dr. Avula), motion approved with all in favor.
- 3. 2016 Meeting Schedule**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved as amended with all in favor.
- 4. 22VAC40-60, Standards and Regulations for Licensed Adult Day Care Centers – NOIRA**
On Motion Duly Made, (Dr. Knapp), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.
- 5. 22VAC40-185, Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers – Fast Track**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Webster), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.
- 6. 22VAC40-185, Standards for Licensed Child Day Center – NOIRA**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Ms. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Coppage thanked Al Wilson for all his work.

Mr. Santana was thankful for the presentation from Ms. Owens and commented how much he liked it.

Mr. Willis liked the presentation from Ms. Owens and thanked Al Wilson for his work.

Ms. Ali liked the presentation from Ms. Owens and thanked Al Wilson for his services.

Dr. Knapp appreciated Karin Clark for her patience and answers to his questions and wished Al Wilson success and looks forward to working with Board members.

Mr. Jordan looks forward to the presentation from Ms. Owens being shared with the public and thankful for the staff and employees and Board members for their work.

Ms. Washington was thankful for the presentation from Ms. Owens and glad to be on board.

Dr. Avula was compelled by the presentation from Ms. Owens and looks forward to the next steps to identify sufficiency.

Ms. Webster has been enriched by what she's learned in all areas.

Mr. Greene liked the presentation from Ms. Owens and felt it will make a big impact and wished Al Wilson well.

Adjourned at 1:57pm