

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

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

October 17, 2018

Attending: Dr. Danny Avula (Chair), Mr. Kent Willis (Vice Chair) Ms. Veronica Washington, Mr. William Boone, Ms. Joan Brennan, Ms. Mona Malik, Ms. Lou Ali, Mr. John Kines, Dr. Andrew Heck.

Absent: Ms. MaryAnn Boyd and Mr. Clyde Santana.

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

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

Review of Agenda – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Comments from the Commissioner – Duke Storen

Commissioner Storen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He recognized Mr. Boone for attending the local director meeting in Southwest Virginia and Mr. Santana for visiting a cooperative preschool. He thanked board members for taking the time and initiative to continue learning about and engaging in the multifaceted social services system. He thanked the local departments of social services for their work.

The Commissioner provided federal and state updates.

Report from Bylaws Review Committee – Kent Willis

Mr. Willis provided a review of the board bylaws. The committee will finalize changes to the bylaws and a final vote will be in December.

Executive Order 14 (2018) & Regulatory Update – Karin Clark

Ms. Clark provided information on Executive Order 14. She also provided the status update on 22VAC40-201 and 22VAC40-211 highlighted on page 3 of the report; 22VAC40-601 highlighted on page 4; 22VAC40-661 highlighted on page 5; and 22VAC40-910 highlighted on page 6.

Pittsylvania Department of Social Services Investigation – Ellen Malenke

Ms. Malenke provided an update on Pittsylvania County.

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

Comment from Local Boards and Directors of Social Services

Andy Crawford – Director of Bedford Department of Social Services

Mr. Crawford shared updates on the League of Social Services and the collaboration with the state on the Child and Family Services Review; IV-E Audit for Foster Care; Safe Families; new director training and director evaluations; and Medicaid expansion. He spoke about the increasing issues and difficulties with foster children and children in child protective services.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approve August 2018 meeting minutes**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with edits.
2. **2019 Meeting Schedule**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.
3. **Resolution to Recognize Benefit Programs Specialist Appreciation Resolution**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.
4. **Accomack County Request to Follow Local Policies on Holiday Schedule & Inclement Weather**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with all in favor.
5. **22VAC40-295, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families-Withdraw Action**
On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Boone), second (Mr. Willis) motion approved with all in favor.
6. **22VAC40-221, Additional Daily Supervision-Proposed**
It was agreed that, because the action was still under review by the Attorney General's office, it would be postponed until December.

COMMENT PERIOD

Comment from the Public

Marie Sloane – Virginia Cooperative Preschool Council

Ms. Sloane shared her concerns about the CPR and First Aid certification and training.

Suzanne Updike – Virginia Cooperative Preschool Council/Dulin Cooperative Preschool

Ms. Updike shared her concerns about the proposed amended licensing standards to help cooperative preschools.

Sherry Flanagan – Ms. Flanagan shared she has been terminated from Pittsylvania County DSS. She shared her concerns regarding the local board of social services and encouraged the Board to move forward with their investigation.

Board Member Requests for Future Information

Dr. Avula asked members for closing comments and suggestions for future meeting topics. Members provided reflective comments on the meeting in general. Suggested agenda items: updates on Pittsylvania County and Rockbridge County, and to vote on the bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22pm.