

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

June 17, 2020

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

Absent: Ms. Veronica Washington 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 – Ms. Ali

Review of Agenda – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Comments from the Commissioner – Duke Storen

Commissioner Storen thanked everyone for participating in the first-ever virtual board meeting. He extended condolences to Clyde Santana on the passing of his wife Gail Davis. He spoke about the pandemic, economic crisis, and racial equity. He acknowledged Dr. Avula for his work during COVID-19. He provided local, state, and federal updates.

Update on Mental Health in Assisted Living Taskforce – Marina Sinyard was not in attendance. Melissa Currier provided an update on the Mental Health in Assisted Living Force on her behalf.

COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

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

Comment from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives – Andy Crawford, President

Mr. Crawford shared that local departments are working closely with the state on creating new telework policies. He thanked the Board for their advocacy on the salary changes. Unfortunately the salary changes were taken out due to changes in the economy. He also shared that, due to current hiring freeze, local agencies are worried about the renewal of Medicaid and SNAP in the fall. They are also concerned about the wave of CPS cases to come. He expressed that local departments and local citizens are concerned about inadequate child care and the need to telework.

Resolution to Request New Funding Formula – William Boone

The Board agreed to allow time to review the resolution and take action at the next board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approved December 2019 Meeting Minutes

On Motion Duly Made, (Dr. Avula), second (Ms. Malik), motion approved with all in favor.

2. **Administrative/Human Resources Manual for Local Departments of Social Services – Chapters 2 & 4**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.
3. **22VAC40-601, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Notice of Intended Regulatory Action**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.
4. **22VAC40-411, General Relief – Proposed Regulation**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.
5. **22VAC40-665, Child Care Program – Exempt Action**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Ms. Brennan), motion approved with all in favor.
6. **22VAC40-705, Child Protective Services – Final Regulation**
On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Brennan), second (Mr. Boone), motion approved with all in favor.
7. **Periodic Review Reports of Findings**
 - a. **22VAC40-41, Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program**
 - b. **22VAC40-80, General Procedures and Information for Licensure**
 - c. **22VAC40-90, Background Checks for Assisted Living Facilities and Adult Day Care Centers**
 - d. **22VAC40-100, Minimum Standards for Licensed Child Caring Institutions**
 - e. **22VAC40-293, Locality Groupings**
 - f. **22VAC40-685, Home Energy Assistance Program***On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Kines), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.

Nomination of New Officers – Lou Ali

Ms. Ali acknowledged Veronica Washington’s term ends June 30 and Joan Brennan will not reapply. She thanked them both and expressed they have been a delight to work with.

Ms. Ali appointed Kent Willis, William Boone, and Mona Malik as the nominating committee for new officers.

Board Member Requests for Future Information

Ms. Ali asked members for closing comments and suggestions for future meeting topics. Joan Brennan shared she will not reapply for the board. She gave her farewell and applauded the board for their work and wished them continued success.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42a.