Commonwealth of Virginia
State Board of Social Services

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

August 17, 2016

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

Absent: Mr. Willie Greene, Ms. Mona Malik.

Also in Attendance: Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze (Commissioner), Ms. Ellen Malenke (Assistant Attorney General).

Meeting called to order at 10:00am – Mr. Jordan

Review of Agenda – Ms. Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator

Recognition of Past Members – Ms. Josie Webster was unable to attend; her recognition of past service will be delivered to her with the Board's appreciation of past service. Ms. Sheila Coppage was unable to attend and Mr. Santana agreed to deliver her recognition and relay the Board's appreciation for past service.

Comments from the Commissioner – Ms. Margaret Ross Schultze
Commissioner Schultze provided updates on the following four 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

Provision for Storage of Firearms in Board Regulations- Ms. Cynthia Bailey, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Bailey discussed the previous and updated Attorney General's view of the provision for storage of firearms relative to 22VAC40-211, Resource, Foster and Adoptive Home Approval Standards. She referenced action item #15 requesting the Board to withdraw the 2014 proposed regulation and noted the Board's consideration of a revised proposed regulation at a future meeting

<u>COMMENT PERIOD</u>
Comment from the Public
Ms. Penny Combs with People Places, Inc. applauded the agency for their work on Fostering Futures. Ms. Combs works with individuals who are aging out. She thanked the group for including language to

oversee their care. This is important to so many young people and will have a trickle-down effect on families.

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 Service Executives-Cathy Pemberton, Chair
Ms. Pemberton provided the Board with an update of how the League is currently interacting with the Department of Social Services. She noted that the League works through many agencies and is a very productive group.

Comments from the Virginia Community Action Partnership – Jim Schuyler, Executive Director
Mr. Schuyler provided a review of the various activities/programs in which VACAP is involved and their partnership with the Department of Social Services. Mr. Schuyler invited Board members to visit any of their offices and to visit their website at www.VACAP.org.

Regulatory Update – Karin Clark, Regulatory Coordinator
Ms. Clark provided the status update on 22VAC40-211, highlighted on page 3 of the Report; 22VAC40-325 and 22VAC40-601, both highlighted on page 4; and 22VAC40-920, highlighted on page 6.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approve June 2016 Minutes**
   On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Ms. Washington). Motion approved with all in favor. New members Mr. Kines, Ms. Brennan and Ms. Boyd abstained.

Karin Clark read Action Items 2 – 9, which were voted on as a block. **Action Items 2 thru 9: *On Motion Duly Made*,** (Mr. Santana), second (Dr. Avula), motion approved with all in favor.

2. 22VAC40-41, Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program – Exempt
3. 22VAC40-72, Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities - Exempt
4. **22VAC40-90, Regulation for Criminal Record Checks for Assisted Living Facilities and Adult Day Care Center** – Exempt
5. **22VAC40-111, Standards for Licensed Family Day Homes** – Exempt
6. **22VAC40-120, Minimum Standards for Licensed Family Day Care System** – Exempt
7. **22VAC40-180, Voluntary Registration of Family Day Homes – Requirement for Providers** – Exempt
8. **22VAC40-185, Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers** – Exempt
9. **22VAC40-191, Background Checks for Child Welfare Agencies** – Exempt

10. **22VAC40-111, Standards for Licensed Family Day Care Homes** – Proposed
    ***On Motion Duly Made*,** (Ms. Washington), second (Ms. Boyd), motion approved with all in favor.

11. **22VAC40-201m Permanency Services-Prevention, Foster Care, Adoption and Independent Living** – Final
    ***On Motion Duly Made*,** (Ms. Ali), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.

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12. **22VAC40-295**, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Final
    On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with all in favor.

13. **22VAC40-705**, **Child Protection Services** – Final
    On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Washington), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.

14. **22VAC40-670**, **Degree Requirements for Family Services Occupational Group** – Fast Track
    On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.

15. **22VAC40-211**, **Resource, Foster and Adoptive Family Home Approval Standards** – Withdraw Proposed Regulation
    On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Willis), second (Ms. Washington), motion approved with Mr. Kines abstaining.

Board Member & Chair Comments

Mr. Santana appreciated the presentations by Cathy Pemberton and Jim Schuyler and their faithfulness in attending the Board meetings and providing informative updates.

Ms. Brennan feels honored to be on the Board and is amazed at how involved social services are in everyone's lives not just the little and older ones.

Mr. Willis welcomed the new Board members and also thanked Cathy Pemberton and Jim Schuyler for their presentations.

Ms. Washington welcomed the new members and thanked them for taking the time to serve. She thanked the Commissioner for providing updates on the big four. She feels she is a better advocate and a better Board member because of this information. She begins school tomorrow and feels she receives a lot of information here and it will help her in her classes.

Dr. Avula welcomed the new members to the Board. He was appreciative for the presentations and encouraged the new members to take the time to learn more about the agency.

Mr. Jordan thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as the Chair and noted the work of DSS employees touches one out of every five Virginians. He expressed his thanks to the local directors and all the hard work they do.

Ms. Ali felt that Mr. Jordan has done a good job serving as Chair. She welcomed the new members and was pleased of the approval of Fostering Futures. She expressed her gratitude for being able to serve on the Board and felt it made her a better citizen.

Ms. Boyd appreciated how warmly she had been greeted and felt honored to be requested to serve. She appreciated hearing about the big four and it gave her a better insight of what is done. She learned

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a lot at her first meeting and thanked everyone for all the information. Ms. Boyd thanked Mr. Jordan for the great job as Chair.

Mr. Kines enjoyed meeting everyone and the information obtained and he was very impressed with the presentations. From working at the local level and being present at the meeting, he understands how the work comes together.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

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