ACTION ITEM # 0 1

Commonwealth of Virginia
State Board of Social Services

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

April 18, 2018

Attending: Dr. Danny Avula (Chair), Ms. Veronica Washington (Secretary), Mr. William Boone, Mr. John Kines, Mr. Clyde Santana, Dr. Andrew Heck; Ms. Lou Ali, and Ms. Mona Malik.

Absent: Ms. MaryAnn Boyd and Mr. Kent Willis

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 and recognized members of the Board, VDSS staff, Cathy Pemberton, local directors, and Jim Schuyler. He recognized Child Abuse Prevention month and read the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation. He thanked those who serve, protect, and keep children safe and he thanked Carl Ayers for his leadership and important work. The Commissioner provided federal and state updates and reflected on the context of the Board's work. He spoke about the Trump Administration's Executive Order on Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility and its impact in the workforce community.

Community and Volunteer Services – Fran Inge gave a presentation on Community and Volunteer Services. Handouts were provided.

Comment from the Virginia Community Action Agency Partnership – Jim Schuyler, Executive Director
Mr. Schuyler thanked the Commissioner for the opportunity to meet on a quarterly basis. Mr. Schuyler spoke about the strategic planning retreat recently attended by his organization.

Drug Screening and Parental Visitation – Carl Ayers gave a presentation on Drug Screening and Parental Visitation.

Child Abuse Prevention Month – Carl gave a presentation on Child Abuse Prevention Month. Handouts were provided.

Human Resources Policies – Stephanie Larson gave a presentation on Organizational Development. Handouts were provided.

COMMENT PERIOD
Comment from the Public

Michael Phillips – Mr. Phillips spoke about the foster care and adoption issues he and his wife have encountered in King George County. He asked that the issues be investigated.

Michelle Kim, Mary-Lou Nellis, Angela Todd, Sylvia Fornah, Jack Merritt, and Michael Ellison shared their concerns and issues with the childcare subsidy requirements and licensing regulations.

Jane Jones – Early Challenges Child Care
Ms. Jones expressed her concerns over the proposed changes to the childcare licensing standards and subsidy standards.

Kristen Hensel – A Child's Place
Ms. Hensel shared her concerns about 22VAC40665-230, the childcare regulation first aid and CPR.

Kelley Mulcurry – Bundle of Joy
Ms. Mulcurry shared her concerns about the director qualifications and subsidy payments.

LaTonia Thornton and **Hayden Peterson –** Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (SERCAP)
Ms. Thornton and Ms. Peterson shared information about SERCAP. Handouts were provided.

Comment from Local Boards and Directors of Social Services
Andy Crawford – Director of Bedford Department of Social Services
Mr. Crawford spoke about the differences in policies and regulations between local, county and city governments. He shared there may be two new approved positions, one for Bedford County Public Schools and one for Emergency Management.

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

Comment from the Virginia League of Social Service Executives – Cathy Pemberton, President
Ms. Pemberton introduced several of the local directors. She announced the new officers of the League: Andy Crawford will be president of the League July 1; Rebecca Morgan will be legislative chair; John Martz will be treasurer; and Vanessa Livingstone will be fourth Vice President. She talked about some of the concerns raised by Mr. Kines and Mr. Boone regarding the local directors and local boards.

Update on Rockbridge Investigation – Ellen Malenke provided an update of the investigation procedures. The interviews scheduled for March were postponed due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled.

Regulatory Update – Karin Clark
There were no regulatory updates at this time.

Final Child Care Program Regulation-June 2018 Action – Mary Ward briefed the Board on the proposed regulation. Handouts were provided.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approve February 2018 meeting minutes**
   On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Washington), second (Ms. Ali), motion approved with edits.

2. **22VAC40-705, Child Protective Services-Proposed**
   On Motion Duly Made, it was agreed that, because the action was still under review by the Attorney General's office, it would be postponed until June.

3. **22VAC40-201, Permanency Services-Proposed**
   On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Boone), motion approved with all in favor.

4. **22VAC40-211, Resource, Foster & Adoptive Family Home Approval Standards-Proposed**
   On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Ali), second (Mr. Boone), motion approved with all in favor.

5. **22VAC40-201, Permanency Services-Final**
   On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Washington), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.

6. **22VAC40-601, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Final**
   On Motion Duly Made, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.

7. **22VAC-40-667, State Response When A Local Department Of Social Services Fails to Provide Services-Emergency (Tentative)**
   On Motion Duly Made, (Mr. Santana), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved, with five in favor (Santana, Kines, Boone, Avula, Brennan) and four opposed (Ali, Heck, Washington, Malik)

CLOSED MEETING

On Motion Duly Made, (Dr. Avula), second (Ms. Ali) moved to go into a closed meeting for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pertaining to the correspondence and requests received by the Board concerning the Rockbridge local board of social services, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711A.8. Attending the closed meeting were: Dr. Avula, Ms. Malik, Ms. Ali, Ms. Washington, Mr. Boone, Ms. Brennan, Mr. Santana, Mr. Kines, Dr. Heck, Commissioner Storen, Karin Clark, Ellen Malenke and Sr. Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Williamson. Motion approved with all in favor.

Dr. Avula reconvened the open portion of the session at the conclusion of the closed meeting. He certified that the closed meeting was held in conformity with Virginia law and that only public business matters as identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were discussed. Members unanimously agreed with the certification of the closed meeting.

Select Nominating Committee for New Officers – Dr. Avula
Dr. Avula appointed Mona Malik, William Boone, and MaryAnn Boyd as the nominating committee for new officers.

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: a conversation around the priority of judge education related to court ordered practices; a deeper understanding of what the Code says about the Board's role; and a plan for engaging the Board in annual Child Abuse and Prevention Month activities. The June Board meeting is in Lynchburg.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm.

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