

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

**August 19, 2020**

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

**Absent:** Dr. Andrew Heck

**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 virtual board meeting. He extended sympathies to Clyde Santana on the passing of his wife Gail Davis. He spoke about the increase demand for services and staff workload due to COVID-19. He provided local, state, and federal updates. He extended his appreciation and admiration to all the colleagues at local department of social services, community action agencies, providers, contractors, and state staff.

**Assisted Living Facilities - COVID-19 Response** – Tara Ragland provided information on the assisted living facilities COVID -19 response.

**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 expressed his excitement and foreboding about the resolution requesting the new allocation formula. He's put a committee together with the CFO and the League's Administration Committee to work on the actions that will come out of the resolution. He reported staff are working hard to keep up with SNAP and Medicaid renewals. Staff are working with the state to ensure their electronic system DMIS is accessible to workers while teleworking. He expressed disappointment about the Governor's budget cuts and the impacts of the Families First and IT initiatives. He shared some agencies have seen their CPS number come back to normal.

**Comment from the Virginia Community Action Partnership** – Jim Schuyler, Director

Mr. Schuyler expressed his thanks to the department and local agencies. He talked about their collaborative relationship among the community action network during this challenging time. He

reported that with funding from the General Assembly last year, six community action agencies are participating in a multiyear whole family pilot project overseen by VDSS.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Approved June 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.
- 2. Administrative/Human Resources Manual for LDSS – Chapter 4, Update Annual Leave Policy**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Santana), second (Mr. Kines), motion approved with all in favor.
- 3. 22VAC40-675, Personnel Policies for Local Departments of Social Services - Periodic Review Reports of Findings**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Boone), second (Mr. Santana), motion approved with all in favor.
- 4. 22VAC40-201, Permanency Services-Prevention, Foster Care, Adoption and Independent Living – Proposed Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Kines), second (Mr. Willis), motion approved with all in favor.
- 5. 22VAC40-73, Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities – Exempt Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Santana), second (Ms. Boyd), motion approved with all in favor.
- 6. 22VAC40-201, Permanency Services-Prevention, Foster Care, Adoption & Independent Living – Exempt Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Boone), second (Ms. Malik), motion approved with all in favor.
- 7. 22VAC40-211, Foster & Adoptive Home Approval Standards – Exempt Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Boone), second (Ms. Malik), motion approved with all in favor.
- 8. 22VAC40-705, Child Protective Services – Exempt Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Santana), second (Ms. Boyd), motion approved with all in favor.
- 9. 22VAC40-665, Child Care Program – Exempt Regulation (Child Care Ratios)**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Ms. Malik), second (Ms. Boyd), motion approved with all in favor.
- 10. 22VAC40-665, Child Care Program – Exempt Regulation (Background Checks)**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Boone), second (Ms. Malik), motion approved with all in favor.
- 11. 22VAC40-35, Virginia Independence Program – Exempt Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Kines), second (Ms. Boyd), motion approved with all in favor.
- 12. 22VAC40-295, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Exempt Regulation**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Ms. Malik), second (Mr. Boone), motion approved with all in favor.
- 13. Resolution Requesting New Allocation Formula**  
*On Motion Duly Made*, (Mr. Santana), second (Mr. Boone), motion approved with all in favor.

**Report from Nominating Committee & Election of New Officers – Kent Willis**

Mr. Willis reported on the slate of officers chosen by the Nominating Committee. Included were Lou Ali for Board Chair; Clyde Santana for Vice Chair; and William Boone for Secretary. Members voted unanimously in favor of the new officers.

**Board Member Requests for Future Information**

Ms. Ali asked members for closing comments and suggestions for future meeting topics. Ms. Ali thanked Dr. Avula for his excellent work in the Commonwealth.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:40a.**

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