

**State Executive Council (SEC) for Children's Services  
Executive Committee  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
1604 Santa Rosa Road  
Richmond, VA 23229  
February 18, 2021**

**Present (Via Roll Call)**

The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources (Chair)  
The Honorable Mary Biggs, Member, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors  
Valerie Boykin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)  
Karen Kimsey, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)  
Sam Hollins, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Education  
Mira Signer, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)  
Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services (VDSS)  
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children's Services (OCS)  
Zandra Relaford, Assistant Director  
Susan Whyte, Assistant Attorney General

**Welcome, Introductions and Opening Comments**

Secretary Carey called the virtual meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Complemented and expressed appreciation to state agencies, local partners and private providers in meeting the needs of children and families. Summarized status and trends of the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged continued vigilance due to ongoing high rates of infection and emerging variants of the virus.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Biggs seconded by Duke Storen and approved by roll call vote.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Status of Appointments to Vacant SEC Seats – Report by Mr. Reiner**

Mr. Reiner reported that Courtney Gaskins, private provider representative resigned from the SEC, effective January 29, 2021, as she accepted a new position in the Administration for Children and Families in the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Reiner has been in consultation with the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and an appointment to replace Ms. Gaskins is pending. There is still one local government vacancy. The Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office is seeking someone to fill that slot. A number of members will be up for re-appointment or will have completed the maximum term of appointment effective June 30, 2021.

### **Implementation of the SEC Strategic Plan – Report by Mr. Reiner**

- The SEC Policy Review and Alignment Workgroup continues to work on the Family Engagement policy. It is going a bit slower than anticipated, mainly because of the “crunch” of the General Assembly.
- A series of evidence-based training events which were originally planned for April 2020 are rescheduled for virtual delivery in May and June. This is a collaborative effort, in both planning and funding from multiple SEC agencies and local partners.
- SLAT has two workgroups currently meeting and working on the following projects:
  - Development of a guide for youth and families regarding access to services
  - Defining core knowledge, skills, and abilities for various local CSA roles (e.g., CSA Coordinators, CPMT and FAPT members)
  - Good progress is being made and the SLAT Chair will provide an update at the March SEC meeting.

### **Presentation and discussion of agency outcomes data**

Mr. Reiner reviewed the compiled catalogue of agency outcomes and the Committee engaged in discussion regarding next steps with this Strategic Plan item. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Use of some of the data to inform requests from the General Assembly
- Need for clarity of purpose to answer questions like:
  - “How do we know children and families are better off?”
  - “What interventions work best to achieve those desired outcomes?”
- Need to link data on the individual level (using data analytic tools)
- What data are we not collecting that we want to collect? (including social determinants)
- What data points are truly dependent variables versus process or other indicators?
- Utility of the Virginia Longitudinal Data Set (VLDS) and / or the Data Trust (Chief Data Officer)
- Need for partnerships with higher education, Office of the Chief Data Officer, etc. for research expertise
  - Scott to reach out to Carlos Rivera, Chief Data Officer for a 15 – 20 minute presentation at the March SEC meeting

### **Status of CSA related legislation and budget items**

- HB2117/SB1313 – Transition funding, all schools must be licensed by VDOE, convene a workgroup (SOE and SHHR) to plan for transfer of private special education funding to DOE. Preliminary report due November 2021, final report November 2022.
- HB2212 – Monitoring and assisting low performing local CSA programs. One additional FTE. Will convene a small workgroup and develop a methodology and present to the SEC for consideration.
- SB1328 – Creating a state kinship guardianship program with collaboration between VDSS (administrative oversight) and CSA (as the funding source)
- Other items in the Appropriations Act pending budget conference committee.

### **Agenda Items for March 11, 2021 SEC Meeting**

- Discussion of agency outcomes data and next steps
  - Presentation from the Chief Data Officer – Carlos Rivera
- Status Report on Implementation of the Strategic Plan
- Report on legislative activity and changes

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.