

Dinwiddie County
Community Policy and Management Team
Minutes
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Dinwiddie Government Center
14010 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, VA

Roll Call:

Natachia Randles, Dinwiddie DSS, Director, Chair

Diana Barnes, District 19 CSB, Specialist Children's Services Manager

Pam Joyner, DCPS, Director of Special Education

Sheila Green, Salisbury-Rivermont School/Principal, Private Provider

Eileen Drake, Parent Representative

Anne Howerton, Deputy County Administrator, Finance & General Services

Tracy King, 11th District CSU, Director, Vice-Chair

Cori Ford, 11th District CSU, Supervisor - Absent

Terry Arthur, Crater Health District, Nurse - Absent

Alicia Lee, DCPS, Special Education- Absent

Ami Williams, District 19 CSB, Outpatient Therapy Supervisor - Absent

Donna Harrison, Dinwiddie DSS, Family Services Supervisor - Absent

Amanda Skalsky, CSA Management Specialist

Angel Young-Gill, Children's Services/CSA, Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by the Chair, Natachia Randles.

The February minutes were approved. A motion was made by Anne and seconded by Eileen. All were in favor.

New Business:

The FY 2022 Pool Reimbursement and Transaction History Report #7 filed on March 14, 2022 was distributed. It showed the total year to date expenditure amount of \$1,083,545.34 (\$364,370.37 - Local & \$719,174.97 - State).

Angel reported on the 2021 VJCCCA Program Evaluation Plan that was submitted to the Department of Juvenile Justice. There were no services used in the Diversion and First Time Offender programs. There were meetings that were held to gather input on the 2022 VJCCCA Plan that was due April 4, 2022. Based on input by stakeholders, First Time Offender and Diversion will be added to the new plan along with a Concept Paper that will be used for prevention services. This will allow for community involvement and support for youth and families prior to the child having a JTS number. The Strategic Plan for CPMT was completed for FY2022-2023. Amanda and Angel will compile the data related to this to discuss at our upcoming meeting. OCS sent out the 'Revised Announcement CSA017-Basics for FAPT Members to add to the CSA section on the Virginia Learning Center training list. The SEC (State Executive Council) held their first meeting on March 10, 2022 with OCS. Honorable John Little, Secretary of Health & Human Resources and Chair, State Executive Council for Children's Services presided over this meeting. Scott reported on the General Assembly wrapping up legislative policies. He referred to policy changes for CPMT & FAPT related to serving on the teams. Governor Northam's budget supposedly allocated \$50,000 annually for training. This budget may have decreased. OCS addressed the IT concern in the system by requiring data security training for Fiscal Agents, CPMT Chairs and CSA Coordinators. They were informed of the State DSS Kinship Initiative to support families who take relatives kin prior to foster care. There is additional federal funding in the Senate version of this initiative. They mentioned the JLARC report on SA that recommended better assistance & oversight to local CSA programs. They hoped the administrative funds would be increased at the state level. OCS is paying the private day school study on rates. They are looking at the rates. Autism has increased and that is driven the cost up for SPED services and placements. There are challenges to setting these rates due to various areas of concern, challenges, composite index and more. The consultant group should have this implemented by July 1. They are looking to potentially set tiers and more. There are about nine options pending. Transitional services for students returning to their public school has reportedly been a slow roll out since 2020. If the Department of Education controlled these funds, they could possibly do more with services but the concern is the 'sum sufficiency' that CSA has. The workgroup will be making recommendations to SLAT and SEC. Their strategic plan will be updated during their next meeting. They are working with low performing CSA programs. The State CSA Conference will have over 700 people attending it in the fall. The Pre-Conference is looking at Adaptive Leadership Skills and a pending Pre-CPMT session at the conference. It will be held on October 31, 2022 for the CSA Coordinators' Pre-Conference and November 1 & 2nd at the Hotel Roanoke. Stephanie Bacote updated the SEC on the audit process, findings and Quality Improvement Plan. DMAS is re-determining edibility and looking for additional funding to localities to support teams. It was reported that 20% of youth are not eligible for Medicaid. Telehealth usage has increased. Long Term Care has increased for youth and families. They are hoping to expand evidence-based services to keep kids in their home verses out of home

placements. BRAVO is being implemented. They have lost over 500 private providers since COVID. The need for mental health/behavior support has exploded. VDSS is working on IT updates to their system. This will be a 2-year development. This will be for family services specialist and resources at the local level. They are looking at regulations through licensing and bringing new vendors to Virginia. There are barriers that need to be addressed. The emphasis will be for more community services versus hospitals. They spoke of the long-term waits in emergency rooms, limited placements for youth and over 170 kids without an immediate placement. These youth and workers are staying in DSS offices, ER and some hotels with staff. There is a new ombudsman appointed. The Department of Juvenile Justice indicated that they are continuing to coordinate with mental health and put other services in place. They are looking to collaborate with private providers individually to set up treatment for kids locally who have mental health needs. They are looking at pre-trial services, restructuring services and programs and providers to help them. The SLAT/CSA representative spoke on the need to deal with mental health and insurance related to services. There are issues with private insurance and not just Medicaid when acquiring services for children. The next SEC meetings are on June 9, September 8 & December 8. An update was given on the March 2 & 4th DSS Family First EBP Purveyors Open House. The handouts were sent out too.

Natachia stated that Danny Abula is the Social Services Commissioner. They are collaborating with Behavioral Health for mental health services. They are applying that to adult services and child protective services initiatives. DSS and DOE are working together to strengthen programs. The Family First COVID Act is a DSS waiver that is in place to allow customers to do less with benefits but now it is being repealed on April 30. It will revert to the normal practice. DSS is looking to collaborate with additional agencies to work together and bring back regular programs to address health, home and food insecurities. Anne reported that it is budget time. They need to pass the budget by May 3rd. Diana stated that they are doing normal operations now and are in person. Telehealth is in process as well. Children's Services and child psychiatrist is starting on April 4. She will be available for clients on April 14. They are understaffed and have six vacancies. MHI funds are in one pot and available for use. They have scheduled interviews but people cancel. New MHI funds will be effective on July 1st. Sonja is the point of contact for that funding. Pam indicated that Head start enrollment for children age three and four will occur soon. Teaching and learning is continuing. It was mentioned that the teaching field is not going far as a career now. The county is doing a job fair to hopefully recruit new teachers. Sheila reported that they are teaching and learning too. She noted a shortage of staff as well. They will have a new therapist who started in March. She will be doing play therapy. There are 47 students at New Story Rivermont now. There will be a celebration for child abuse and autism awareness in April. They are doing 101 giveaways and sharing things. The ABA clinic is providing services to students. It is under New Story. Eileen is teaching strength fitness classes at the Ragsdale Center in McKenney on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 PM. She has 10 people so far. Tracy reported that she has staff shortages. She has one staff in the Petersburg office. She has set up some interviews. They are facing immediate changes through the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice. The CSU has to collaborate with the police on diversion cases. If the officer says no to this option then they have to explain

why. This may lead to some challenges. They will be moving to do home visits. There will reportedly be no transition period between commitment and with no supervision or staff. This will become putative. There are limited detention facilities. Members remarked that there is a need to increase mental health support in schools overall.

The next CPMT meeting is on April 27, 2022 at 9 AM and will be held in person at the Eastside Enhancement Center Ballroom. The CPMT & FAPT Retreat/Training will be from 10:30 to 1:30.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:55 AM, upon the motion of Anne Howerton and seconded by Sheila Green and all were in favor,

The Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) convened into a closed meeting under:

§2.2-3711 (A)(4). The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

- Discussion of Children's Services Cases

§2.2-3711 (A) (16). Discussion or consideration of medical and mental health records subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of Section 2.2-3705.5.

- Discussion of Children's Services Cases

AYES: Eileen Drake, Anne Howerton, Pam Joyner, Diana Barnes, Tracy King, Natachia Randles, Sheila Green, Amanda Skalsky

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alicia Lee, Ami Williams, Terry Arthur, Cori Ford, Donna Harrison

At 10:23 AM, upon motion of Sheila Green, seconded by Pam Joyner, the CPMT reconvened into open session. All were in favor.

AYES: Eileen Drake, Anne Howerton, Pam Joyner, Diana Barnes, Tracy King, Natachia Randles, Sheila Green, Amanda Skalsky

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alicia Lee, Ami Williams, Terry Arthur, Cori Ford, Donna Harrison

CERTIFICATION AND MOTION TO ADOPT CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION

Whereas , the Community Policy and Management Team convened in a closed meeting under section

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And whereas , no member has made a statement that there was a departure from the lawful purpose of such closed meeting or of the matters identified in the motion discussed.

Now may it be certified , that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

Upon motion of Anne Howerton, seconded by Pam Joyner, the Certification Resolution was adopted.

AYES: Eileen Drake, Anne Howerton, Pam Joyner, Diana Barnes, Tracy King, Natachia Randles, Sheila Green, Amanda Skalsky

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alicia Lee, Ami Williams, Terry Arthur, Cori Ford, Donna Harrison

Upon motion of Tracy King, seconded by Anne Howerton, the March budget was approved as presented.

AYES: Eileen Drake, Anne Howerton, Pam Joyner, Diana Barnes, Tracy King, Natachia Randles, Sheila Green, Amanda Skalsky

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alicia Lee, Ami Williams, Terry Arthur, Cori Ford, Donna Harrison

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25AM.