

Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT)
Child Abuse and Neglect Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Betty Wade Coyle at 1:08 pm on Monday, March 2, 2015. The meeting included Hayley Mathews, Rita Katzman, John Oliver, Melissa O'Neill, Heather Board, Jeanine Harper, Cedric Moore, Maribel Lauber, Susan Heck, and Dawn Chillon (arrived late). Ms. Coyle also welcomed Craig Patterson, Senior Program Consultant for Prevention at VDSS.

The committee reviewed the draft minutes from the meeting that took place on December 4, 2014. ON MOTION DULY MADE (Mr. Oliver) and seconded (Mr. Moore) moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Following committee member introductions and a review of the agenda, Ms. Mathews updated the committee on FACT's recent work. She provided an update on the release of the 2014 FACT Report and 2014 Issue Brief and the launch of the data portal and reconfigured website. She also informed the committee of the data guide that accompanies the FACT Report and the online toolkit that accompanies the Issue Brief. One committee member inquired about FACT's availability to present to different stakeholder groups, which Ms. Mathews is more than willing to coordinate when specific requests are made. A suggestion was also made to develop a webinar and a standard slide deck for Board members to use.

Following Ms. Mathews report, Craig Patterson gave a comprehensive presentation on VDSS' Division of Family Service's Prevention Program as well as the division's latest work on foster care diversion and kinship care. Draft recommendations for foster care diversion are set to be complete in September or October. FACT's Child Abuse and Neglect Committee requested to review the draft recommendations before they are finalized.

Following Mr. Patterson's presentation, John Oliver suggested that FACT endorse funding for Fostering to 21 (SB967) in a letter to the Governor. Mr. Oliver volunteered to draft the letter, which will be vetted and submitted by the FACT Board.

Ms. Katzman provided additional CPS updates. Healthy Families funds remain intact and staff are currently working on the formula to allocate funds. Child Advocacy center funding still remains too; however, there is a new allocation formula. The statewide child abuse prevention conference will take place on April 13th, but will include a smaller target audience this year. In addition, staff are focusing on revising CPS Ongoing training and hope to have it completed by June.

Jeanine Harper reported that the Greater Richmond Trauma Informed Care Network working with Project Broadcast on a brief screen tool for Henrico DSS and Chesterfield DSS to use. Henrico is scheduled to begin piloting the tool in April and will also be focusing on trauma-informed supervision. A more detailed update will be provided during the July meeting.

Susan Heck provided an update on the trauma-informed work taking place at DJJ. The agency is making system changes, consistent with work taking place in Missouri, which focuses on a multi-disciplinary approach to reducing lengths of stay.

Heather Board reported that VDH is in the middle of the Rape Prevention and Education grant negotiations and will be making awards soon. She also participated in work that Casey Family Programs

is leading regarding predictive modeling and is taking a closer look, along with VDSS, at child fatalities. She also reported on work taking place with various stakeholders regarding Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

Melissa O'Neill reported on information from the national CASA conference. Currently, there is a particular interest in the impact of child neglect.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, July 15th from 10:00 to 1:00 in Richmond. The meeting ended at 3:56 pm.