

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 10:06 am on Thursday, December 3rd. The meeting included Hayley Mathews, Rita Katzman, Betty Wade Coyle, John Oliver, Jo Ann Wilson-Harfst, Anya Shaffer, Maribel Saimre, Jeanine Harper, Cedric Moore, Carey Natoli, and Kathy Jones. Ms. Coyle also welcomed Craig Patterson, Anne Kisor and Laurie Crawford from VDSS.

Following committee member introductions, which included an introduction from the committee's newest member, Kathy Jones, Ms. Coyle reviewed the agenda. The committee reviewed the draft minutes from the meeting that took place on September 3, 2015. ON MOTION DULY MADE (Mr. Oliver) and seconded (Ms. Katzman) moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Ms. Mathews provided a brief overview of FACT's latest news, which included updates about FACT's RFP, the 2015 FACT Report, the next Issue Brief and its quarterly e-newsletter. FACT RFP, which will be posted within a few days, will provide funding in two categories 1) Direct Service Grants, and 2) Systems/Community Change Grants. Multiple awards up to \$30,000 will be made available for Direct Service Grants and up to two, \$50,000 awards will be made to for the Systems/Community Change Grants.

Following Ms. Mathews' report, Anne Kisor, Project Manager with the Virginia Department of Social Services' (VDSS) Division of Family Services, presented information on the Division's Learning Collaboratives. The Learning Collaborative framework is a learning approach where a group convenes on multiple occasions to focus on promoting the delivery of identified practices. To date, Learning Collaboratives have focused on 1) enhancing family engagement, 2) revised CANS, trauma informed case management and understanding the impact of psychotropic medications on youth, and 3) coaching supervision, implementation of practice profiles, data benchmarks to measure success and moderating the use of psychotropic medications. Ms. Kisor provided a written overview of frequently asked questions to supplement her remarks.

Following Ms. Kisor's presentation, Laurie Crawford, Project Manager with the VDSS' Office of Family Violence, provided information on the Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Demonstration Project grant. The goal of the grant is to bring together all of the relevant systems and professionals to provide early identification, intervention and treatment for child and youth victims and their families and caregivers. Ms. Crawford provided a PowerPoint presentation to supplement her remarks.

Carl Ayers, Director of the VDSS Division of Family Services, also joined the committee to provide an update on Healthy Futures, the Division's efforts to enable children in foster care who reach 18 years of age to remain in foster care up to age 21. Historically, Virginia's legislature has been not been supportive of this effort, despite the tremendous benefit it would afford older youth who are transitioning to adulthood. Following Mr. Ayers' remarks, the committee had an opportunity to review the draft kinship diversion legislation being proposed by the Virginia Poverty Law Center. Information was presented by both Ms. Rita Katzman and Mr. Craig Patterson, Senior Prevention Program Consultant provided.

The committee ran over and did not have time to discuss additional updates from other members. The meeting ended at 1:15 pm. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 16th from 10:00 to 1:00 in Richmond.