

Family & Children's Trust Fund (FACT) of Virginia
Child Abuse & Neglect Committee Minutes
Henrico Tuckahoe Library
December 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Committee co-chair Betty Wade Coyle at 1:10pm on Tuesday December 12, 2017. The meeting included co-chair Jeanine Harper, John Oliver, Beverly Crowder, Meghan Resler, Jeanine Harper, Melissa O'Neal, Bianca Casper, Jenna Easton, Nancy Toscano, Chris Spain, Malcolm King (for Katherine Hunter), Nicole Poulin, and Carl Ayers (presenter).

The committee reviewed the draft minutes from the meeting that took place on June 8th 2017. ON MOTION DULY MADE (Ms. Harper) and seconded (Ms. O'Neal) and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as presented.

Following the approval of the minutes, Mr. Ayers presented on the Three Branch Initiative and the Substance Exposed Infant study:

Three Branch Initiative

A grant that involves all three branches of government: judicial, executive and legislative. Virginia received another Three Branch Grant in 2014 to address the use of Psychotropic Medicine in Foster Care. The current Three Branch Grant is addressing child fatalities. The project is a technical assistance grant that brings high level people to the table from all branches of government in order to have the backing to put recommendations into action. The grant involves the following initiatives: community level predictive analytics for child welfare; screening tool assessment; primary prevention; enhancement of child welfare recruitment and retention. There are only 19 days left on the 18 month grant, successes have included:

- Data Sharing: The development of a MOA between the Office of Chief Medical Examiner and DSS for sharing data on child abuse and neglect and child fatalities for analysis
- Applied risk train mapping: (a model that takes publically available data on census and crime to predict where crime is going to happen) to child welfare. The model was able to map over 60% of all cases in the Dallas/Fort Worth—however this ended up determining the majority of the Dallas/Fort Worth area to be at risk. The project is planning on piloting this with Richmond City
 - Ms. Harper brought up discussion around resource/asset mapping that's already been done in the community that Inspire Workgroup that has already done in Richmond City and agreed to connect individuals linked to the Inspire Workgroup with Ms. Poulin who will connect them with Mr. Ayers.
 - Ms. Easton asked if there are any controls in place to create some sort of "equity lens". Mr. Ayers responded there isn't anything that specifically addresses an "equity lens".
 - Mr. Oliver asked about comparing child fatalities and child fatalities directly linked to child abuse and neglect

- Legislation: HB1786, HB1086—Substance Exposed Infant Legislation; HB2162; SB1868--Respond to every call/report about a child under 2 within 24 hours—because they're the highest risk age group)
- Safe Sleep campaign- A campaign that combines baby boxes with education to promote safe sleep. 3000 people have signed up for baby boxes. They developed a statewide campaign and got everything out in 6 months, working with VCU medical center, PAV and Home visiting programs.
- Child Welfare Worker Recruitment and Retention: Updated training system and is working with Rutgers to develop practice profiles and coaching to develop a qualitative child welfare reporting model; making oral transcription for reporting available so child welfare workers don't have to go back to the office to do paperwork; developed a mobility application that will allow Child Welfare workers to do most of their paperwork on an iPad in the field.

Substance Exposed Infant Study

Report on a Substance Exposed Infant (SEI) Study was posted yesterday (12-11-17)

<https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2017/HD19/PDF> . The study found that “substance exposed” looks different depending on what part of the state, and therefore, answers to substance abuse depending on the community being addressed. The study provided short term and long term recommendations. One of the recommendations from the report is to examine how Three Branch legislation is responding to SEI

Ms. Coyle proposed the Child Abuse and Neglect Committee ask the FACT Board to recommend favorable support in a letter to the incoming Governor: the recommendations of the Commission on Youth regarding Trauma-Informed Care; legislation providing more financial support and kinship caregivers; and Medicaid Expansion, and the committee agreed to her proposal.

Ms. Poulin updated the committee on FACT initiatives including a proposal in partnership with VCU Gerontology to use DMAS Civil Money Penalty Funds to develop and implement an online curriculum for CNAs working in Nursing Home Facilities focused on trauma-informed practices and resilience; the various stakeholder groups she participates on; and outreach materials FACT has developed including Issue Briefs and an Annual Report.

Mr. Spain provided an overview of the 2017 Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Final Report. Because substantial conformity was not reached in the areas of safety, permanency, well-being, and multiple systemic factors, a program improvement plan (PIP) by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) is required. Noteworthy, however, VDSS was found to be in substantial conformity with regard to the following systemic factors: Statewide Information System, Quality Assurance, Agency Responsiveness to the Community, and Foster and Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment, and Retention. VDSS is currently drafting a PIP, a process that warrants stakeholder input. Therefore, Mr. Spain provided an opportunity for input by the group as well as extended an invitation for any/all members to attend the Child Welfare Advisory Committee meeting set for Friday, December 15, 2017.

The structure of that meeting will be a world café through which participants will have an opportunity to provide input on each of the goals of the current PIP draft as begun by the VDSS Program Managers.

Ms. Harper updated the committee on the Commission on Youth Proposal involving Trauma-Informed Care. During a November 8th meeting, the commission voted to send a letter to the Governor to encourage him to include the budget items outlined in the proposal in his proposed budget. Ms. Harper also gave an overview of SCAN's work with the Greater Richmond Trauma Informed Community Network (GRTICN).

Ms. Coyle nominated Johanna Schuchert to receive an award at the annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference in April and all present were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04pm