

DRAFT MINUTES, VA FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (VA-FACT) Board of Trustees Meeting, October 2, 2019

Participation:

Trustees Present: Mary Riley (Chair), Allison Lawrence (Vice Chair), Frank Blechman (Secretary), Robert Bolling, Beverly Crowder, Linda Gilliam, Jennifer Gillyard, Tarina Keene, Kay Kovacs.

Trustees Absent: Carter Batey, Yvonne Bibbs, Lilliana Hernandez, Judy Kurtz (Treasurer), Virginia Powell, Yasmin Taeb, Duke Storen (Commissioner).

Staff Present: Nicole Poulin (Executive Director), Meghan Resler (Research Associate), Michelle L'Hommedieu (Attorney).

Guests Present: Nannette Bowler (Deputy Secretary of DSS), Nina Marino (DBHDS, Director, Office of Child and Family Services), Keith Cartwright (DBHDS Behavior Health Wellness Consultant)

Opening: Chairperson Riley called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM, at the Twin Hickory Library, Glen Allen, VA.

Decisions and Actions: The following actions were approved by the Board unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 2019 Board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Gilliam, seconded by Bolling.

Ad Hoc Grants: Lawrence moved & Gillyard seconded a motion to approve the following two requests for conference and training support at \$2,000 each:

1. Virginia Victim Assistance Network
2. ImPact Virginia

Future Grants: Gillyard moved and Lawrence seconded a motion to approve the draft Request for Application for the FY20-21 FACT Grant period and Trauma-Informed Network Framework Guidance Document as presented by Staff. These documents will be used to develop the final RFP, for the 2020-2022 grant cycle, to be released upon approval of all required state entities.

Adjournment: Gillyard moved & Bolling seconded a motion to Adjourn at 1:40 PM.

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Discussions: The following reports and discussions did not conclude with formal proposals for action. However, they do highlight areas of substantive discussion on which the Board may want to act in the future.

Guest presentation: Marino reviewed the financial structure of support for Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (DBHDS) Office of Child and Family Services, statewide children's service programs and DBHDS's redesign. Cartwright presented information on the importance of understanding and appropriately responding to exposure to ACEs and the ACEs Interface Training offered by DBHDS. Both indicated that although Virginia is ahead of many states when it comes to behavioral health programming we still have significant gaps in services and education for behavioral health programs, especially in already underserved portions of the state.

Donations: All trustees were reminded that 100% support for FACT is needed before June 30th, 2020.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer has been traveling and was unable to create the report prior to leaving as the bank statement wasn't available. Review of the activity in the first quarter of FY 2020 was deferred until the next Board meeting. The Chair (Riley) noted that revenue from license plate sales was down 17% over the last five years, emphasizing the need to diversify our income.

Staff Report: The full report of the Executive Director was provided in the meeting package. Highlights included

- Work with many partner organizations and advisory committees
- Monitoring the evolving response to sex trafficking
- Expanding our social media presence

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- Continuing our efforts to get our data portal back on-line
- Our partnership with Voices for Virginia's Children continues to be very productive and positive.
- In partnership with VCU Gerontology and DMAS, the Person Centered Trauma-Informed Care in Virginia Nursing Homes Project is progressing well.
- All reports are in on time and positive from our grantees

Committee Reports:

- Editorial & Planning: Gilliam reported that the next Issue Brief in the Systems of Trauma series on Economic Trauma is in final revisions before publication in early November.
- Marketing: Lawrence encouraged Trustees to submit op-ed to local publications. The committee can help.
- The Child Abuse & Neglect Advisory Committee: Poulin reported that the concern about "diversion care" continues. The committee is also receiving updates from CPS on policies around child on child abuse.
- The Nominating Committee: As part of its work since the last board meeting, the committee surveyed the current officers elected at the annual meeting of the board to confirm their willingness to serve out their respective terms for the remainder of the fiscal year. Each of the officers stated that they would serve through June 30, 2020. The committee chair indicated that over the next few months its efforts will focus on identifying members willing to serve as an officer beginning in FY 21. To help facilitate this process the committee reviewed the officer responsibilities from the bylaws and distributed these in a summary document to the full board as part of the October meeting packet. Members of the committee will reach out to each board member to determine who may serve as an officer during the next year. The goal is to present a slate to the Board at its March 2020 meeting with the intent to have officers elected at the June 2020 Annual Board meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the FACT Board will be held in the December 10th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Blechman, FACT Secretary