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Foster Care for Legislators Seminar

U-Turn Sports Performance Academy
2101 Maywill Street, Richmond
May 6, 2019
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 9:30 – 9:40** **Call to Order and Opening Remarks**
Delegate Richard P. "Dickie" Bell, Chair
- 9:40 – 9:45** **Approval of Commission on Youth 2019 Study Plans**
Delegate Dickie Bell
- 9:45 – 10:15** **Overview of Virginia's Foster Care System From a State and Local Perspective**
*Carl Ayers, Director, Division of Family Services,
Virginia Department of Social Services*
*Andrew Crawford, Director, Bedford Department of Social Services,
President of Virginia League of Social Services Executives*
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Funding of Virginia's Foster Care System**
Mike Tweedy, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Senate Finance
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Foster Care Prevention and Family First**
Carl Ayers, Director, Division of Family Services
- 11:00 – 11:40** **Virginia's Foster Care System, Bedford Department of Social Services Team**
Casey Tanner, Family Services Specialist, CPS
Jennifer Hooper, Family Services Specialist, Foster Care
Joseph Wriston, Family Services Specialist, CPS Ongoing/Prevention
- 11:40 – 12:00** **Foster Families Panel**
Janet Kelly, President, Virginia's Kids Belong
Autumn Zaborowski, Henrico Foster to Adopt Parent
Tony Fowler, HopeTree Foster Parent
Brittany Jones, Richmond City Foster Parent
*Lincoln Saunders, Chief of Staff for Mayor Stoney,
Richmond City Foster Parent*

- 12:00 – 12:20** **Foster Youth Transition to Adulthood Panel**
Rachel Strawn, Director, Great Expectations
Allison Gilbreath, Policy Analyst, Voices for Virginia’s Children
Taylor Landrie, Coach, Great Expectations
Tiffani Beissel, Young Alum, Great Expectations
- 12:20 – 12:30** **Conclusion, Plan of Action**
Delegate Dickie Bell
- 12:30** **Adjourn**

Public comment will not be received at this meeting.