

## VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON YOUTH

May 3, 2016

9:30 a.m.

House Room 3, The Capitol

### MINUTES

#### Attending:

Delegates Richard Anderson, Richard Bell, Peter Farrell, Mark Keam, Christopher Peace  
Senators Barbara Favola, Dave Marsden  
Citizen members Chuck Slemp, Deirdre Goldsmith

#### Not Attending:

Delegate Daun Hester, Senator William Carrico, Citizen Member Frank Royal

#### Guests:

Delegate Vivian Watts

#### Staff Attending

Amy Atkinson, Will Egen, and Leah Mills

#### I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

*Delegate Christopher K. Peace, Chair*

Delegate Peace started the meeting and asked that the members introduce themselves. He then informed the Commission that Delegate Daun Hester and Senator Bill Carrico were recently appointed to the Commission but were unable to attend due this meeting due to the timing of their appointments.

Delegate Peace informed the audience that this was the first meeting of the 2016 study year. Delegate Peace then welcomed those who were present for the Family Impact Seminar and thanked everyone for their interest.

Delegate Peace stated that the Commission on Youth had partnered with the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) to host the Family Impact Seminar. The topic was aging-out of foster care. He stated that this was the fifth Family Impact Seminar co-sponsored by the Commission on Youth and VCU. Delegate Peace informed the members that after adoption of the 2016 Commission on Youth study plans, the Commission on Youth meeting would adjourn and the Family Impact Seminar would commence. He noted that there were a number of qualified experts present today including representatives from VCU, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Governor's Administration, and the real experts – the foster care youth to be part of the Family Impact Seminar today. Delegate Peace stated that this past General Assembly Session, many of the legislators had the good fortune to be visited by several foster youth to discuss the Fostering Futures legislation. It was extremely impactful. With the help of these foster youth, the Fostering Futures legislation was ultimately adopted. Delegate Peace asked that the members recognize the hard work of the foster youth and thanked those who were in attendance.

#### II. Approval of Commission on Youth 2016 Study Plans

Delegate Peace stated that the Commission's four draft study plans were sent to the Commission members prior to the meeting. The study plans to be considered are:

- Virginia's Adoption Home Study Process;
- The Use of Segregation in Virginia's Juvenile Detention Homes and Correctional Centers;
- Review of Virginia's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; and
- Evidence-based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment Needs.

Delegate Bell moved that the study plans be adopted in a block. The motion was seconded by Delegate Farrell and the motion was adopted unanimously.

The Study Plans, as adopted by the Commission, can be accessed on the Commission's webpage under the May 3 meeting tab.

Delegate Peace thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

### **III. Family Impact Seminar on Aging-out of Foster Care – Fostering Futures into Adulthood**

*Hosted by Virginia Commonwealth University's Wilder School of Government and the Virginia Commission on Youth*

The Commission members, invited guests, and seminar participants received the following presentations at the Family Impact Seminar.

Overview of the Research Regarding Foster Care and Fostering Futures  
*Sunny H. Shin, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University*

Foster Care Youth Panel

*Moderator: Anne Holton, Secretary of Education*

*Panel Members: Shakeema Isaac Love, Megan Houle, Silvia Garcia, Christine Malone, Cassie Perry and Cadisha Hurdle*

Fostering Futures Legislation

*Senator Barbara Favola*

Impact on the Department of Juvenile

*Andy Block, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice*

Questions and Answers

*Robyn McDougale, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University*

The presentations from the Family Impact Seminar can be accessed on the Commission's webpage under the May 3 meeting tab.