

# **VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON YOUTH**

## **Meeting Minutes**

## Virginia Commission on Youth Meeting May 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

#### Attending:

Delegates: Carrie Coyner, Karrie Delaney, Tara Durant, Anne Ferrell Tata Senators: Barbara Favola (Vice-Chair), Dave Marsden Citizen Members: Jessica Jones-Healey, Chris Rehak

#### Not Attending:

Delegates: Emily Brewer (Chair), Irene Shin Senator: David Suetterlein Citizen Member: Avi Hopkins

#### **Staff Attending:**

Amy Atkinson, Will Egen

## I. Call to Order

Delegate Emily Brewer, Chair, Virginia House of Delegates

Senator Favola, Vice-Chair of the Commission on Youth welcomed the Commission members and noted that this meeting is a virtual meeting in keeping with the policy passed by the Commission on February 23, 2023. Senator Favola had Amy Atkinson, Executive Director of the Virginia Commission on Youth, call roll.

#### II. Approval of Commission on Youth 2023 Study Plans

Amy M. Atkinson, Executive Director, Virginia Commission on Youth

Senator Favola had Amy Atkinson provide a summary of the Commission's 2023 Study Plans:

- Improving Foster Care in Virginia
- Admission of Minors to a Mental Health Facility for Inpatient Treatment

• Collection of Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment Needs

Senator Favola suggested that an addition to the study plan on the Admission of Minors to a Mental Health Facility for Inpatient Treatment be made to include additional pathways to provide services to minors who have refused treatment. Staff agreed to add this change.

A motion was made by Delegate Coyner and seconded by Delegate Delaney to adopt all three study plans and the motion was approved unanimously.

## III. Approval Collection of Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment Needs 9th Edition Update

Will Egen, Senior Policy Analyst Virginia Commission on Youth

Will Egen reviewed the 9<sup>th</sup> edition update to the Collection of Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment Needs. This update is currently in progress, and it involves the use of an Advisory Group to edit and review all of the sections of the *Collection*. Mr. Egen highlighted the addition of a new section on the impact of Covid-19 on children's mental health.

Commission members commented on the usefulness of this resource and their eagerness to get the word out about it after the 9<sup>th</sup> edition is published.

This presentation can be accessed on the Commission's webpage under the meetings tab.

#### IV. Adjourn

Senator Favola adjourned the meeting. The video of the meeting may be found at the following House of Delegates' Streaming site: <u>https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/hv</u>.