

VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON YOUTH

May 5, 2015
10:00 a.m.
House Room C

MINUTES

Attending:

Delegates Richard Anderson, Richard Bell, Christopher Peace
Senators Barbara Favola, Dave Marsden, Stephen Martin
Citizen members Chuck Slemp, Deirdre Goldsmith

Attending Electronically:

Citizen Member Frank Royal

Not Attending:

Delegates Mayme BaCote, Peter Farrell and Mark Keam

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 noted that Dr. Frank Royal was participating electronically and that the Commission followed Freedom of Information Act requirements. Delegate Peace then welcomed Delegate Anderson, who was recently appointed to the Commission. He then recognized Ms. Mills and congratulated her for her recent induction by Chesterfield County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Delegate Peace referenced the Commission on Youth's accomplishments handout and discussed the highlights of the Commission since 2011. He stated that the handout could also be found on the Commission's website.

II. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Delegate Peace stated that the Code of Virginia requires that the Commission on Youth elect a chairman each year (Section 30-174). Delegate Peace opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Senator Marsden made a motion to nominate Senator Favola as Chair of the Virginia Commission on Youth. There was no second. Senator Martin made a substitute motion to re-elect Delegate Peace as Chairman and Senator Favola as Vice-Chair. The members voted to re-elect Delegate Peace as Chair and Senator Favola as Vice-Chairwoman with all the members voting yes and one abstention (Delegate Peace). Delegate Peace and Senator Favola thanked the Commission for their support. Senator Favola thanked Senator Marsden for his nomination and Delegate Peace thanked Senator Favola for her support. He stated that their work on important issues reflected the bi-partisan nature of the Commission's topics.

III. Approval of Commission on Youth 2015 Study Plans

Amy M. Atkinson, Executive Director

Delegate Peace stated that Ms. Atkinson would present the 2015 Study Plans. He noted that each of these studies resulted from a General Assembly resolution or a Committee chair requesting further review of legislation introduced during Session. A quorum was present and Delegate Peace thanked everyone for his or her attendance. Delegate Peace also added that there would be an Advisory Group, a workgroup, or a Round Table convened for these studies and informed the members to sign up or contact Ms. Atkinson if they were interested in participating.

Ms. Atkinson presented on the Commission's four initiatives for the 2015 study year:

- *The Use of Federal, State, and Local Funds for Private Educational Placements of Students with Disabilities – Year Two;*
- *Temporary Placements of Children;*
- *Evidence-based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment Needs;* and
- *Implementation of School Divisions' Student-Athlete Concussion.*

Ms. Atkinson outlined the studies' mandates, identified issues, and proposed activities. She then responded to questions from the members. Delegate Bell moved that the Commission's study plans be adopted in a block with Senator Marsden seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Study Plans can be found on the Commission's website under the May 5, 2015 meeting tab.

IV. The Preventing Sex Trafficking & Strengthening Families Act (H.R. 4980)

Carl E. Ayers, MSW

Director of Family Services

Virginia Department of Social Services

Delegate Peace introduced Mr. Carl Ayers and informed the Commission that Mr. Ayers would be presenting the Department of Social Services' work on the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act. He thanked Mr. Ayers for his attendance.

Mr. Ayers presented on the federal law and background on the issue. He then responded to questions from the members and stated he would be happy to return and brief the Commission on the Department's progress in implementing the federal law's requirements. Delegate Peace thanked Mr. Ayers for his comprehensive presentation.

The presentation can be found on the Commission's website under the May 5, 2015 meeting tab.

V. Strategies to Improve the Safety, Financial Stability, and Well-being of Adults with Disabilities and Older Adults throughout the Commonwealth

The Honorable Robert Brink

Paige L. McCleary, MSW

Program Consultant, Adult Protective Services Division

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Delegate Peace stated that the Commission was very fortunate to have a special guest in the audience who will be introducing our next speaker. Last year, the Honorable

Robert Brink was appointed by Governor McAuliffe last year to be the Deputy Commissioner for Aging Services for the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services. For 17 years, Bob served as a member of the House of Delegates. On a very important note, he served as a faithful member to the Commission on Youth. Delegate Peace welcomed Delegate Brink and thanked him for attending the Commission meeting.

Delegate Brink thanked Delegate Peace and the Commission for inviting him and his staff to attend and present on this important subject. He noted that the work of his agency was truly a family issue and accordingly, must be addressed in an intergenerational way. That is why he was pleased to be present to discuss it with the Commission members. He then introduced Ms. McCleary.

Ms. McCleary presented on the Department's strategies and Virginia's adult protective services programming. She reviewed the Department's work on this topic, funding for adult protective services, and five recommendations discussed in the Department's report. She shared with the members that many localities receive less than \$1,000 as their adult protective services' state allocation. Ms. McCleary then responded to questions from the members. Delegate Peace thanked Ms. McCleary for her presentation.

The presentation can be found on the Commission's website under the May 5, 2015 meeting tab.

V. Evidence-based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment Needs – Status Update

Leah Mills, Senior Policy Analyst

Delegate Peace introduced Ms. Mills and noted that she would be providing an update on the Commission's ongoing initiative, the *Collection of Evidence-based Practices for Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Treatment Needs (Collection)*. She provided a background on the mandate, the highlights of the update, and changes that will be made to the next version of the *Collection*. The disorders outlined in the current version of the *Collection* need to be revised to coincide with the revised *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Fifth Edition (DSM-5)* of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), which was published in 2013. Ms. Mills stated that the re-categorization of disorders included in the DSM-5 has generated considerable changes, which will be reflected in the *Collection 6th Edition*.

Ms. Mills responded to questions from the members. Delegate Peace thanked Ms. Mills for her presentation.

The presentation can be found on the Commission's website under the May 5, 2015 meeting tab.

VI. Adjourn

Delegate Peace thanked everyone for his or her participation. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.