

MEMO TO THE CPMT

February 23, 2018

**Information Item I- 3:** Legislative Update

**ISSUE:** That the CPMT be informed of legislative activity that may impact CSA.

**BACKGROUND:**

The CSA program is tracking the Kinship Care Guardianship program HB 1333, SB 44 & SB636 and SB 205 for a Pilot program for using CSA funds for youth returning to base school from Private Day. HB30 supports use of evidence based services and trauma informed care.

**ATTACHMENT:** Summary of Bills that passed crossover

**STAFF:**

Janet Bessmer, CSA Manager

**HB 1333 Kinship Guardianship Assistance program; established.**

**SUMMARY AS PASSED HOUSE:**

**Kinship Guardianship Assistance program.** Creates the Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (the program) to facilitate child placements with relatives and ensure permanency for children for whom adoption or being returned home are not appropriate permanency options. The bill sets forth eligibility criteria for the program, payment allowances to kinship guardians, and requirements for kinship guardianship assistance agreements. The bill also requires the Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations for the program.

[02/14/18 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services](#)

**SB 44 Kinship Guardianship Assistance program; established**

**SUMMARY AS PASSED SENATE**

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[02/08/18 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations](#)

**SB 205 Children's Services Act; special education programs, expands eligibility for services.**

**SUMMARY AS PASSED SENATE**

Children's Services Act; special education programs. **Expands eligibility for services under the Children's Services Act to students who transfer from an approved private school special education program to a public school special education program established and funded jointly by a local governing body and school division located within Planning District 16** for the purpose of providing special education and related services when (i) the public school special education program is able to provide services comparable to those of an approved private school special education program and (ii) the student would require placement in an approved private school special education program but for the availability of

the public school special education program. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act.

**02/14/18 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**SB 205 Companion legislation HB 1346 did not make Crossover.**

**02/13/18 House: Left in Appropriations**

**SB 636 Kinship Guardianship Assistance program; established.**

#### **SUMMARY AS PASSED SENATE**

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**02/08/18 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**February 18 see Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committee approved.**

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**Information Item I- 4:** Health and Human Services Resource Plan

**ISSUE:** That the CPMT be aware of the county's resource plan and budget for upcoming fiscal years for health and human services programs.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Health and Human Services Resource Plan is a planning tool to help guide Health and Human Services (HHS) budgetary decisions. As part of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Budget Guidance for FY 2018 and FY 2019, HHS staff were directed to identify priority funding items that could complement efforts to address needs identified in our community.

The guidance also stated that the Resource Plan should:

- Recognize that the county will be fiscally constrained during this period.
- Consider the priorities already established by the Board of Supervisors and the HHS System.
- Be flexible enough to respond to changing priorities, the impact of changes in programming and county demographics, and shifts in federal funding.

As such, the Resource Plan was developed in conjunction with staff from the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget, HHS, and the Human Services Council. The initial Resource Plan identifies funding and staffing priorities for the next three fiscal years, FY 2019 through FY 2021.

The Resource Plan is aligned with the 2016 Human Services Needs Assessment report which highlights the significant and broadening challenges many Fairfax County residents currently face. The assessment was developed using feedback from the community, survey data, and information from Fairfax County programs and services. The report will be updated in 2019.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resource Plan for Fiscal Years 2019 – 2021 <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health-humanservices/sites/health-humanservices/files/assets/documents/hhs%20resource%20plan%20final%20020918.pdf>

**STAFF:**

Tisha Deegan, CPMT Chair, Deputy County Executive

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**Information Item I- 5:** Update on CSA Audit Self-Assessment Process

**ISSUE:** That our local CSA program will submit our Audit Self-Assessment by February 28<sup>th</sup> which will be followed by a validation visit from state auditors

**BACKGROUND:** The CPMT approved a process for completion and submission of the self-assessment. The CPMT's Governance Group has met regularly to review the ratings and reports from various workgroups who have completed sections of the assessment. The Fraud Questionnaire was sent out as a survey monkey to staff and stakeholders. The Governance workgroup is in the process of summarizing the findings and developing recommendations for quality improvements.

Some of the issues identified are:

1. Vacancy in the parent representative position for one FAPT
2. Alignment of the parental contribution collections process with the state policy
3. Increasing staff awareness to mechanisms for reporting suspected fraud through newsletter articles, training, and notices on Service Summaries
4. Updating the Quality Assurance Plan for additional monitoring of eligibility and compliance

After submission of the Self-Assessment, the state will schedule an on-site validation visit.

**ATTACHMENT:** None

**STAFF:**

Janet Bessmer, CSA Manager

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**INFORMATION ITEM I- 6: January Residential Entry and FAPT Report**

**Issue:**

Local CSA policy requires that the FAPT shall report the placement of children across jurisdictional lines and the rationale for the placement decisions to the CSA Program Manager who shall inform the CPMT at its next scheduled meeting.

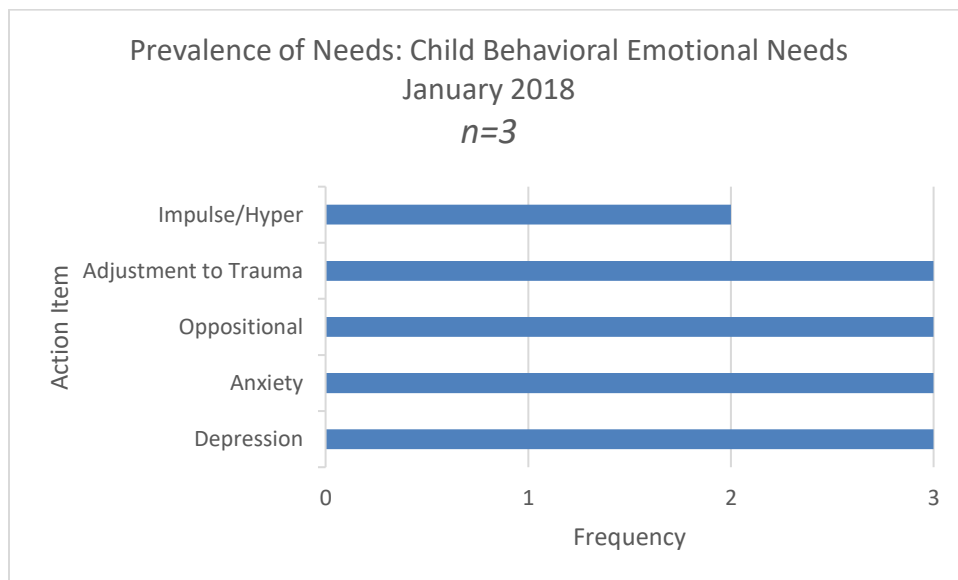
**Residential Entry Report:** Three youth entered long-term residential settings in January.

	December
Male	0
Female	3

AGE	December
15	1
16	1
17	1

Lead Agency	December
DFS Foster Care	2
Falls Church City	
FCPS MAS	
JDRDC	
CSB	1

	Initial	Re-admit	Lateral	Step Up	Step Down
DFS Foster Care				1	1
FCPS MAS					
JDRDC					
CSB	1				
Falls Church City					



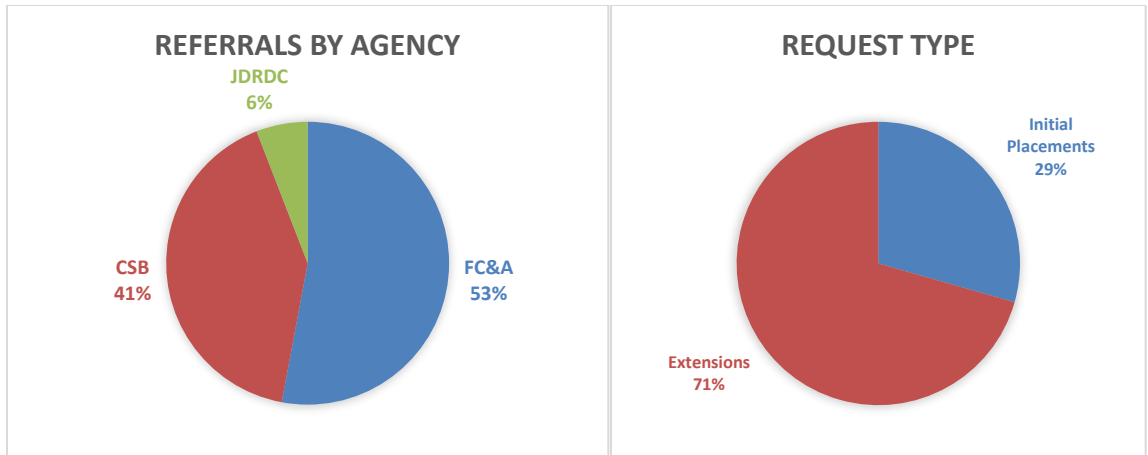
### **UR Summary:**

- All of the youth had actionable CANS scores in Adjustment to Trauma, Oppositional, Anxiety, and Depression
- One youth had an actionable CANS score in substance use
- One youth was identified as being a victim of human trafficking, and one youth was identified as likely being gang involved and at high risk for trafficking
- Only one of the three youth remain in RTC
- There appears to be a gap in serving Spanish-speaking youth in residential facilities due to a lack of Spanish-speaking staff. Some facilities will not admit youth whose primary language is Spanish; others will admit, but rely on telephonic interpreters, reducing the effectiveness of treatment

### **FAPT Report:**

In January of 2018, **17** youth/family meetings were held with the two standing FAPT teams. Of those **17** meetings:

- **9** referrals were from FC&A, **7** referrals were from CSB and **1** was from JDRDC
  - **5** were requests for *initial placements*, **3** of which had plans developed for a Residential Treatment Center, and **2** community based services
  - **12** were requests for *continuation of existing placements*, **11** of which had plans developed for a short-term (varying from 1-3 months) extension of the current placement; community-based services including ICC, home-based and outpatient services were also included to assist with discharge in these cases. **1** family's request for an extension was not supported and instead a plan involving community based services was developed. This family appealed the decision and the CPMT appeal panel supported a 2-week extension in residential treatment coupled with community based services
- Of the **5** initial placement requests, **2** were actively receiving community based services in some form at the time of the FAPT
- **1** youth was in placement prior to coming to FAPT, having been placed by her parents



**Of Note:**

- Regarding the issue of lack of preparation of parents/youth for the FAPT meeting, a tip/reminder sheet is being developed which will serve to guide case managers in this process and will be sent to them at the time their meeting is scheduled
- Collaboration with JDRDC judges around the FAPT process and residential treatment would be beneficial; youth are being brought to FAPT having been court-ordered into a residential placement without having gone through the FAPT process prior, creating a challenging dynamic specifically in those instances where the FAPT does not support such a placement

**IACCT (Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team) Report**

- In January, **17** IACCT Inquiry Forms were received:
  - **13** have been submitted to Magellan
    - Of the 4 not submitted:
      - 3 do not have active Medicaid yet
      - 1 left placement prior to becoming Medicaid-eligible
    - Of the 13 submitted:
      - 5 have been labeled “in process” by Magellan
      - 4 have status unable to be verified by Magellan
      - 2 have been completed and certified by Magellan
      - 1 request was “discharged from process” by Magellan due to youth being on runaway status
      - 1 request was withdrawn due to FAPT not supporting placement



**Of Note:**

- Communication with Magellan regarding status of referrals is still challenging though some infrequent updates are being received
- The length of time from when an inquiry is submitted online to when the process is completed is far exceeding Magellan timeframes; on at least 5 occasions the Magellan Residential Care Manager had not received the inquiry from within Magellan until weeks after it had been submitted online by CSA

**STAFF:**

Kim Jensen, Utilization Review Manager

Sarah Young, FAPT Coordinator