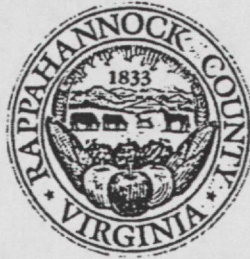


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**May 24, 2011**

The Honorable Bill Hazel  
Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
Office of Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth & Families  
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 137  
Richmond, VA 23229

RE: **Comprehensive Service Act**

Dear Secretary Hazel:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Rappahannock County concerning the proposed draft of policies regarding denial of funding to local governments (Community Policy and Management Teams) not in compliance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families (CSA). These policies, we feel, are not in keeping with the collaborative responsibility that is the Comprehensive Services Act.

The Board of Supervisors is strongly in favor of enforcing accountability, efficiency, and responsibility in the provision of all needed public services. To this end we welcome a process whereby non-compliance by local CPMTs is addressed through a process of remediation that includes a graduated response of sanctions leading up to the loss of funding.

We likewise note that responsibilities of the Commonwealth to provide orientation and training to local CPMTs as outlined in statute has never been honored, and the lack faces no sanction whatsoever, while malfeasance, misfeasance and simple human error are to be met with the single sanction of the loss of funding under the proposed policies.

We urge the Commonwealth to return to its commitment to a shared, collaborative approach with local governments to the provision of services to these most vulnerable of citizens. For our part, we stand ready to actively engage in that collaboration by participating in developing training modules for FAPT and CPMT members, and/or a responsible remediation program for CPMT's found to be in non-compliance.

Thank you.



Sincerely,



John W. McCarthy  
County Administrator

Cc: The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain  
The Honorable C. Todd Gilbert  
Mr. James Campbell, Virginia Association of Counties  
Mr. Eldon James  
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