

**Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Minutes
October 15, 2014**

Approved: November, 2014

Those present for the Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board meeting:

Members Present:

Dr. Carol Amoia, Community Member

Mark Meil, Sheriff's Office

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College

Janet Sankar, Community Member

Cathy Dougherty, Department of Social Services

Paul Stearns, Community Member

Brad Engel, Q.A. Co. Board of Education

Mary Ann Thompson, Q.A. Co. Department of Health

Janice Feeley, Community Member

Anne Van Benschoten, Community Member

Lee Franklin, Community Member

Mary Walker, Community Member

Wayne Humphries, Community Member

Jamie Williams, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Cindi Boone, Administrative Assistant

Michael R. Clark, Director

Jacki Carter, Character Counts!

Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist

Member Regrets:

Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Recreation

Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners

Cindy Chirumbole, Community Member*

Holly Ireland, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems*

Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member

Myron Richardson, Community Member

Joe Grabis, Q.A. Co. Dept. of Juvenile Services

Steve Scott, Dept. of Aging/Transportation

Suzy Wishard, Community Member

** Board member gave their proxy to another board member for this meeting.*

Guests:

Jessica Listman-Ward, Intern at Q.A. Department of Health
Holly Neurell, Parent/ Volunteer

I. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

Wayne Humphries, Board President, welcomed everyone introductions were made around the room and the meeting was called to order.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on October 8, 2014 to review the agenda and to discuss the upcoming retreat. No decisions were made by the committee that required ratification by the full board.

B. Secretary

Cathy Dougherty, Board Secretary, presented the minutes for the September 2014 board meeting.

Action:

Lee Franklin moved to approve the September 2014 minutes as written. Mary Ann Thompson provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer

Peg Anawalt, Board Treasurer, presented the treasurer's monthly report ending in September 2014, along with the 2014 year-end fiscal report. The quarterly statement of the fund held with Chesapeake Charities was also included in the member's packets.

D. Director's Report

Mike Clark gave an overview of the director's report that was included in the member's packets, and announced the details of the Board Retreat which is scheduled for November 21, 2014 at Pintail Point Farm, from 8:30am- 4pm. Mike also discussed the FY 2014 Program Report the LMB has been working on.

E. Nominating/Membership Committee

Nothing new to report other than the committee is still looking into getting a student member; Brad Engel reported that hopefully we will have that new student member by November.

F. Public Relations Committee

Janet Sankar is working on getting all the members updated on the web site.

III. REPORTS FROM THE LMB'S OUTREACH COMMITTEES

- ANTI-BULLYING COMMITTEE
Jacki Carter gave the board an update on Unity Day; this is a school event the committee has been working on.
- CHARACTER COUNTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE JACKI CARTER
Jacki Carter reported on Character Counts. The pillar for October is Trustworthiness. Ms. Carter has been busy training coaches and now has a team of coaches from the Caroline Center. Character Counts has 24 students that will be trained for the peer mentor coaching at Centreville Middle School. The committee also competed in the town of Centreville's Scarecrow contest.
- CULTURAL COMPETENCE COMMITTEE
Mary Walker gave the board an update on what the committee is currently working on; the committee is planning a Diversity Day which will be held in April. The committee is also taking a look into the diversity within the Queen Anne's County government employment process.
- EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
Peg Anawalt reported that the marketing committee has selected a marketing rep. The marketing rep has begun working on a plan. Part of the plan is to purchase self-study Spanish books that will be housed for loan at the Judy Center and at Chesapeake Childcare Resources at the college.
- EDUCARE COMMITTEE
The account is closed as the remaining funds of \$1630 were used to help start the Imagination Library at the Judy Center in Sudlersville.
- MENTOR COMMITTEE
Jacki Carter reported that CommUNITY mentoring has 8 matches continuing, 1 match closed, and two female mentors to be re-matched. There are currently 5 male students in grades 4-10 that need to be matched. Ms. Carter continues to interview mentors.
- OPEN TABLE COMMITTEE
Lee Franklin gave the board an update on Open Table. Pastor Mark went to Arizona to meet with the founder of the Open Table program. Centreville United Methodist is working on starting a third table. The Kent Island church is on hold due to church member's illness. Centreville Methodist is working with Q.A. Department of Social Services to find the most appropriate family to start a table.
- OUT OF SCHOOL TIME SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Peg Anawalt reported that the OOST Coordinator is working on a new RFP to go out in the Spring for out of school time vendors.
- PARTNERSHIP FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION
Matt Evans is the co-chair for the committee. The Out of the Darkness walk was a success, the event raised more than expected. Matt Evans and Brad Engel attended the Yellow Ribbon Conference. Public Service Announcements are currently being filmed and aired on QACTV.

IV.

Partner Updates

A. Board of Education – Brad Engel

Brad Engel presented on behalf of Queen Anne's County School's Superintendent, Dr. Carol Williamson. Digital Conversion is the most exciting thing going on in Queen Anne's Co. schools. County Commissioners have funded a 3 year program for all 3rd-12th graders to receive a Chrome Book, this year 6th – 8th will receive theirs, next year the high school students will get theirs, and the following year grade 3-4-and 5 will get their Chrome Books. It's a three year plan because of funding. The students receive the Chrome Book at the beginning of the year and return them at the end of the school year just like a textbook. The board of education is offering (and is encouraging parent to purchase) insurance for the laptop at the parents' expense.

Brad also talked about the schools changing from MSA testing to PARCC. Teachers are evaluated based on their students' academic achievements. When a new teacher is hired they get paired up with a mentor.

Queen Anne's County schools currently have the lowest suspension rate in the state; in this county instead of suspending the children out of school they have in school suspension which is served at Anchor Points Academy and it very effective.

B. Children's Council – Anne Van Benschoten

Ms. Van Benschoten gave an overview of the Children's Council. The Council was established in 1978 to serve children up to age 21 and their families. In 1995, the Council formed a subcommittee to focus on the ages of birth to 8. The Council has formed several subcommittees that report at meetings.

The goals of the Council are to identify the met and unmet educational, health, and social needs of children and their families, to stimulate community awareness and understanding the needs of children and youth, to renew interest and participation in meeting such needs effectively and to assist families in knowing and obtaining information about children's programs and services in Queen Anne's County.

Some of the activities the Council is involved in include collaboration to create a Family Resource Directory with the Bay Times, creating and working with the Local Management Board to create the county's Families First Support Center; the Council also started the first After School Program in Sudlersville Middle School.

The Council partners with many agencies and organizations in Queen Anne's County.

V.

Announcements & Adjourn

- Make a Difference (Homeless Resource Day) – October 20, 2014
- Unity Day (Anti-Bullying Awareness) – October 22, 2014
- Next LMB Board Meeting: Day Long Board Retreat – November 21, 2014 @ Pintail Point Farm