

**Queen Anne's County  
Community Partnerships for Children and Families  
Board Minutes  
October 18, 2017**

Drafted: October 23, 2017

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

**Members Present:**

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| Karla Altamirano, Community Member           | Joe Grabis, Q.A. Co. Dept. of Juvenile Services |
| Meredith Braden, Community Member            | Holly Ireland, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems  |
| Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Recreation             | Megan Pinder, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems   |
| Bobbi Graef, Q.A. Co. Dept. of Health        | Claire Johnson, Student Member                  |
| Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services | Michelle Johnson, Community Member              |
| Eric Daniels, Community Member               | Carrie O'Connor, Community Member               |
| Brad Engel, Q.A. Co. Board of Education      | Vince Radosta, Community Member                 |
| Lee Franklin, Community Member               | Laura Roth, Community Member                    |
| Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member        | Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member             |

**Administrative Staff:**

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| Elaine Butler, Character Counts! Coordinator | Lisa Michaels, Administrative Assistant   |
| Michael R. Clark, Director                   | Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist |

**Member Regrets:**

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| Peg Analwalt, Chesapeake College   | Tammy Walls, QAC Transportation  |
| Gery Hofmann, Q.A. Co. Sheriff     | Jamie Williams, Community Member |
| Margie Houck, County Commissioners |                                  |
| Mary Walker, Community Member      |                                  |

**Guest:**

**Bob and Kathy Timms, Celebrate Recovery,  
Warren and Kathy Wright, Drug Free Queen Anne  
Coalition, Alexandria Wade, Addictions  
Counselor, Gary Fry and Kate Ryan, QAC Health  
Department**

**I. Welcome, Call to order & Introductions:**

Joe Grabis, Board President, welcomed all members and introduced new Board Members, Claire Johnson, Student Member, Laura Roth, Community Member and Tammy Hall, QAC Transportation. All Board Members introduced themselves and meeting was then called to order.

**II. LMB Updates & Reports:**

**a. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on October 11, 2017. The committee reviewed and approved the agenda for the October 2017 board meeting.

No actions needed Ratification

A special thanks to all the guests present.

The Board retreat is Friday, November 3, 2017 at Kent Manor Inn. Please RSVP to Lisa Michaels.

**b. Secretary**

Mary Ann Thompson, Board Vice President/Secretary, presented the minutes from the September 2017 board meeting for approval.

**\*\*Action:**

Susan Coppage moved to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes as written. Vince Radosta provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**c. Treasurer**

Eric Daniels, Board Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report for September 2017.

**\*\*Action:**

Vince Radosta made motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as written. Susan Coppage provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Reports with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**d. Director's Report**

The director's report was included in the member's packet that was emailed prior to the October board meeting. Mike highlighted a few topics on the Director's Report: the Governor's Office for Children and Children's Cabinet announced a need to strengthen the Local Care Teams to service as the point of access to services for children. Families and children at risk of out-of-home or out of state placement who are in crisis are identified as priorities for Local Care Teams. Also, the Local Care Teams are to have more membership on their team.

**III. Reports from the LMB's Outreach Committees**

**a. Anti –Bullying Committee- Brad Engel**

- UNITY Day is October 25, 2017.

**b. Backpack/Open Table Committee- Lee Franklin**

- There is a Backpack/Open Table committee meeting scheduled for next month. Nothing to report.

- c. Character Counts! Advisory Committee-Elaine Butler**
  - The September Meeting Minutes are included in the packet.
  - The Character Counts! Advisory Committee met this morning.
  - Character Counts! is close to reaching their coach goals.
  - Unity Day is October 25<sup>th</sup> and Character Counts! will be participating.
  - The County Commissioners are very supportive of Character Counts!.
  
- d. Mentor Committee (CommUNITY)-Elaine Butler**
  - The Mentor Committee minutes are included in the packet.
  - More Mentors have been recruited.
  - A mentor/business meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup> at the senior center on Kent Island.
  
- e. Children's Council-Joe Grabis**
  - The Minutes are included in the packet.
  - The Committee is reorganized and rejuvenated.
  
- f. Cultural Proficiency Committee-Brad Engel/ Eric Daniels**
  - The Committee met on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Goal #1 – QAC residents who attend Multi-Cultural Committee events have a greater understanding of race relations and its impact on all residents of QAC;  
Goal #2: Government Decision-Makers and Community Organizations make decisions based on a greater understanding of race relations.  
Goal #3: Recognize and promote champions of diversity who are of all backgrounds and ages and move cultural proficiency forward in QAC
  - There is a Committee meeting later today
  
- g. Membership/Nominating Committee**
  - The new members were welcomed.
  - Megan Pinder will be representing Mid Shore Behavioral Health.
  
- h. Out of School Time Sustainability Committee – Vince Radosta**
  - AlphaBEST is a for profit organization.
  - Enrollment is up this year for before/after and days off.
  
- i. Partnership for Suicide Prevention-Holly Ireland**
  - The committee met this morning.
  - There was no election for a new co-chair.
  - Megan Pinder will provide support until she takes maternity leave.
  - The Out of the Darkness Walk had 170 participants (\$15,000).
  - Matt Evans will chair Out of the Darkness Walk next year.
  - Youth mental health training is scheduled in December for staff, community members and Sheriff's department. More information to come.
  - Homeless Shelter Fundraiser on October 26, trivia night at Harris' Crab House and also scheduled is a Man Bash – more details to follow.

**j. Strategic Planning Committee**

- The Strategic Planning Committee met with Service Providers on October 11th.
- The Service Providers will meet monthly with each other and work together.

**IV. Substance Abuse in Queen Anne's County Overview.**

- a.** Bob and Kathy Timms gave an overview of their Celebrate Recovery program and the Bedroom on Wheels.

The Timms shared their own personal story about losing their son to addiction. The family found support in their Church and didn't realize how many people were affected by addiction. The Timms developed a faith-based recovery program which educates the family how to find drugs and also what to do once drugs are found.

They presented the Bedroom on Wheels which is a mock teenager's bedroom and shared teenager's hiding places for drugs.

There is no one-pronged way to fixing the drug addiction problem.

- b.** Warren and Kathy Wright gave a presentation on behalf of Drug Free Queen Anne. RX Round-Up dates and sites have been advertised. Great event at the area schools – I Wish I Knew.

There is a sign located on Route 50 which updates on "overdoses" and "deaths" related to drugs.

Centreville will soon be home to a marijuana factory.

The Liquor Inspector can now do compliance checks in area stores to check for selling to underage kids.

E-cigarettes' target audience is children.

The police can scan cars and lockers in the schools for drugs.

- c.** Alexandria Wade is a substance abuse counselor for Queen Anne's County Board of Education. She will be doing individual and group therapy and case management services.

Follow students who are temporarily at Anchor Points Academy when they are allowed back in the schools.

Waiting on Ms. Wade's license to transfer from GA to MD.

Kate Ryan is hosting a free opiate addiction family support group at the QAC Health Department.

**V. Announcements & Adjourn**

The Local Management Board's Retreat is Friday, November 3, 2017 from 8:30-4:00 at Kent Manor Inn in Stevensville, MD. Please remember to RSVP to Lisa Michaels. There is no meeting in December.