

**Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Minutes
October 21, 2015**

Approved: November 20, 2015

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

Members Present:

Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Recreation

Joe Grabis, QA. Co. Dept. of Juvenile Services

Jacki Carter, Community Member

Kelsey Graef, Q.A.Co. High School Student Member

Cindy Chirumbole, Community Member

Wayne Humphries, Community Member

Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services

Holly Ireland, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems

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

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

Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member

Jamie Williams, Community Member

Lee Franklin, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Cindi Boone, Administrative Assistant

Michael R. Clark, Director

Elaine Butler, Character Counts Coordinator

Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist

Member Regrets:

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College

Carrie O'Connor, Community Member*

Cassidy Bosley, Student Member

Vincent Radosta, Community Member

Janice Feeley, Community Member

Steve Scott, Dept. of Aging/Transportation

Sheriff Hofmann, Q.A. Co. Sheriff

Anne Van Benschoten, Community Member

Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners

Mary Walker, Community Member

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

I. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

Wayne Humphries, Board President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on October 5, 2015 to review the agenda and to discuss general topics for the October 21, 2015 board meeting. The committee made no formal decisions that require full board ratification.

B. Secretary

In the absence of Cathy Dougherty, Board Vice President/Secretary, Wayne Humphries, Board President, presented the minutes for the September 2015 board meeting.

***Action:**

Jamie Williams moved to approve the September 2015 minutes as written. Jacki Carter provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer

In the absence of Peg Anawalt, Board Treasurer, Wayne Humphries, Board President, presented the treasurer's report for September 2015.

D. Director's Report

Mike Clark gave an overview of the director's report.

Mr. Clark reviewed the contents of the member packets. Mike also announced the LMB Board Retreat is scheduled for November 20th; Cindi Boone is currently working on the venue. Board members will be notified when the location is determined.

III. Reports from the LMB's Outreach Committees

A. Anti-Bullying Committee

Jacki Carter gave the board an update on the events happening with the Anti-Bullying committee. Ms. Carter announced the designer of the winning slogan for this year's Unity Day t-shirt is Kameron Wilmer Johnson from Centreville Middle School. Unity Day was on October 7th the event was very successful. The Committee also had a Pit Beef fund raiser that raised \$1410. They will be having another one in November.

B. Character Counts! Advisory Committee

Elaine Butler gave a brief overview, she presented to the board in the Program Provider Review section of the Agenda.

C. Children's Council

Jacki Carter will report in November, the Council is currently planning their annual Holiday party.

D. Cultural Proficiency Committee

Brad Engel reported that the committee met October 21st prior to the LMB meeting; he mentioned that this group is a very diverse group. The Committee is looking into ways to increase Cultural Proficiency in local businesses, schools, county government, and the community.

E. Mentor Committee (CommUNITY)

Elaine Butler gave the board an update on mentoring, and presented a full report in the Program Provider Review. The advisory board met last week, they are planning to do a Social event at the Kramer Center on December 9, 2015.

F. Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning Committee

The Governor's Office for Children opened the opportunity to award additional funds to LMBs for resource development projects that are closely linked to the Governor's new priorities. In response to that offer we submitted an all-encompassing proposal requesting funds for most of the programs we fund. Additionally we requested funds to cover the cost of a needs assessment and strategic plan that the board has been working on since the spring but had yet to identify a funding source. Mike Clark received word from the Governor's Office for Children that they were please to inform the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families that they have been awarded \$25,000 in resource

development funding for FY16. The funding is to support planning and capacity-building activities that will enhance the LMB's ability to exclusively serve the children and families identified by one or more of the Children's Cabinet's Strategic Goals. The bad news is that we did not receive funding for the other request mentioned above.

G. Open Table Committee (including Backpacks)

Lee Franklin provided an update on Open Table, and Backpacks. The Open Table committee is still working to identify people to be helped by a table, this has been the Committee's biggest hurdle. One person has been identified and will probably be served on a table formed on Kent Island. Centreville United Methodist has 2 Open Tables.

Ms. Franklin also reported on the Backpack Committee, the grant was for \$25,000, three applications were received, two applicants were selected by the committee and awarded \$12,500 each, the third applicant was advised to join one of the two applicants awarded.

H. Out of School Time Sustainability Committee

- Mike Clark updated in the absence of Peg Anawalt and Vincent Radosta. Jennifer Stansbury is working with Kim Umberger. Partnering for Youth Director, to get the contracts for funds budgeted by the County Commission in order and implemented.
- Amy Cummins has been working with AlphaBEST to get them started for the school year. Attendance numbers appear to be higher this year than the same time last year. The committee is very optimistic about this and the fact that there are additional participants in the pipeline. Amy is making arrangements with QACTV to do a segment on AlphaBEST at Queen Anne's County Schools. AlphaBEST has also agreed to increase their scholarships from 1-3 this year.

I. Partnership for Suicide Prevention

Holly Ireland gave the board updates on the Out of the Darkness Walk. The walk is scheduled for October 24th. The time for registration has changed to 2p.m.

IV. Program Provider Review

The following lists of programs are funded through the Local Management Board. It is important to make sure our funded programs are operating correctly and have a positive effect on their customers. The programs are monitored by reports (financial and programmatic), contracts are developed, and site visits. Last fiscal year board members agreed to have two set meeting months a year, September and February, in which LMB members can receive updates on the programs we fund. Jennifer Stansbury asked the programs to give a written overview for the board that would answer the seven accountability questions as listed through The Results Accountability framework. The reports provided by the programs listed below were reviewed at the meeting

- **CC! CommUNITY Mentoring – Elaine Butler**
- **Character Counts Queen Annes – Elaine Butler**

V. Maryland Children's Cabinet/Governor's Office for Children Priority reorganization Update

Mike Clark presented a power point on the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) Priority reorganization.

GOC is restructuring its focus on Policy development, analysis, and research: reprogramming the Children's Cabinet Fund to support Governor Hogan's vision for jobs and economic opportunity; recommitting to local authority and local decision-making; transitioning to quantifiable, transparent results; streamlining boards, commissions, and Office functions; transferring operational programs and conducting outreach to elected officials and the philanthropic community.

The Governor's new priorities are:

- Reduce the Impact of Incarceration on Children, Families and Communities;
- Improve Outcomes for Disconnected Youth;
- Reduce Childhood Hunger; and

- Reduce Youth Homelessness

This implementation will occur in 4 phases. In FY17 we will request funds that will carry over to FY18; in FY 19 the total money requested has to be focused on the Governor's four priority areas. Board members were provided with many handouts with more information about this.

VI. Partner Updates

A. Division of Housing & Community Services – Mike Clark

Mike presented the board with a packet of information on Housing and Community Services.

VII. Announcements & Adjourn

- The LMB Retreat November 20, 2015 all-day event
- Make a Difference Day, October 24, 2015 at Sudlersville Middle School
- Centreville Day, October 31, 2015
- Walk to Fight Suicide Out of the Darkness Walk October 24, 2015
- Pit Beef fund raiser November 5, 2015