

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

Approved: February 19, 2014

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

**Members Present:**

Dr. Carol Amoia, Community Member

Vincent Radosta, Community Member

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College

Steve Scott, Q.A. Dept. of Transportation

Cindy Chirumbole, Community Member

Brian Smith, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Office

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

Paul Stearns, Community Member

Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member

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

Janice Feeley, Community Member

Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services

Wayne Humphries, Community Member

Suzy Wishard, Community Member

Holly Ireland, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems

**Administrative Staff:**

Cindi Boone, Administrative Assistant

Jacki Carter, Character Counts!

Michael R. Clark, Director

Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist

**Member Regrets:**

Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Recreation

Mandy Jones, Community Member\*

Lee Franklin, Community Member\*

Quentin Kent, Student Representative

Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners

Myron Richardson, Community Member

Leah Jones, Community Member

Janet Sankar, Community Member\*

**Guest:**

Susie Spiering, Department of Social Services

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

**I. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:**

Vincent Radosta, Board President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Radosta welcomed Anne Van Benschoten to the Board unofficially until June when her application can formally be submitted to the commissioners. Vince also announced that Leah Jones has resigned from the board. Peg Anawalt introduced Birds of Different Feathers which will be mentioned further in the minutes.

**II. REPORTS:**

**A. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met January 9, 2014 to receive updates and to develop the agenda for the January 15, 2014 board meeting. No formal decisions were made that require ratification from the full board.

**B. Secretary**

Wayne Humphries presented the minutes for the board retreat, December 6, 2013.

**Action:**

Holly Ireland moved to approve the December 6, 2013 minutes as written. Janice Feeley provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**C. Treasurer**

Peg Anawalt presented the treasurer's report for December 2013.

**D. Director's Report**

Mike Clark gave an overview of the director's report that was included in the members' packets.

Mr. Clark reported that the time has come to do the annual review and update to the By-laws. Mike asked the board members to review the By-Laws included in their packets and get back to him. The revisions will be made and the By-laws will be presented to the full board at the meeting in February for a vote.

**E. Committees**

LMB Committee representatives gave updates on recent events and accomplishments:

- *Anti-Bullying Committee*

Jacki Carter, chair, gave the board an update on Unity Day.

- The committee has begun planning the next Unity Day. Office Depot may be partnering with the committee on this project; the details are being worked out between the two.
- Text-a-Tip has started in the high schools and moving to middle schools.
- Bullying Reports are still coming in and schools are handling them.
- The committee is looking into fundraising ideas as well as visiting Centreville Elementary School to view the Friendship Bench and to hear about its effects.

- *Character Counts!*

Jacki Carter, Coordinator, updated the board on the Character

- Fairness is the Pillar for January
- 315 Laws of Life Essays were submitted
- The CC! board will be fundraising for program costs
- Caryn Trinkley is the new Communication Assistant
- The Sudlersville Middle School peer character coaching program is doing well. It will now be a measure for the state grant as we will no longer do the bullying survey since the Olweus Program provides one.
- CC! still in need of volunteers

- *Cultural Competence*

Vince Radosta updated the board on the activities of the Cultural Competence Committee: Vince talked about the LMB needing to be more cultural diverse. The committee would like to connect with some local businesses as it has been mentioned that they may be interested in being trained as well as the retraining of some organizations. The committee would like to look into grant opportunities in order to be able to hire a full time person to do the trainings. Vince added that Myron Richardson, Mandy Jones, Susan Coppage, and Janet Sankar were interested in being on the Cultural Competence committee.

- *Drug Free Coalition*

The next Drug Free meeting is in February

- *Early Childhood Council*

No Report

- *EduCARE*  
No Report
- *Mentoring Committee*
  - Meeting with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of greater Chesapeake to discuss collaborations as they are targeting Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.
  - The Mentoring Program has enrolled in the online training project provided by Mentoring Central. Ms. Carter and pre-matched mentors will take a pre-survey, training, and post survey.
  - The program needs volunteers; more male volunteers are much needed.
  - A trip is being planned to Medieval Times in February. The Department of Aging is supplying a van for transportation. A driver has volunteered to work that day and the committee has agreed to purchase the volunteer a ticket to the show.
- *Nominating Committee*  
Denise Whiteley announced that the committee will begin the process of determining which board members terms will expire July 2014, which members wish to stay on the board for an additional term, and how many positions will need to be filled with new members. The committee will also be taking nominations for Board officers.
- *Open Tables Committee*  
Mike gave the board an update on the Open Tables committee. He met with April Sharp, Director of the Talbot County DSS. Aware that our LMB is active with Open Tables, Ms. Sharp has asked Mr. Clark to set up a meeting on January 24, 2014 from 8:30 am – 11:30am with Jon Katov, and the other Mid –Shore LMB Directors in order to determine how the effort could be increased in the other Counties and what role the LMBs can play in it. Board members are welcome to attend.
- *Out Of School Time Committee*  
Heather Zietlin, Out of School Time Coordinator has resigned. The committee is working with Dr. Williamson and the Board of Education to be sure that the program continues to move forward. There was discussion of using unspent funds for an extended day service but Ms. Zietlin stated there was not enough interest expressed in that area.
- *Public Relations*  
Vince Radosta reported that the Outreach arm of this committee met with the County Commissioners on January 14, 2014 to present the goals and advantages of having an LMB. They discussed some of the successes and provided updates on the work of the board's committees.
- *Partnership for Suicide Prevention*  
Holly Ireland, chair, announced the name change from Suicide Prevention to Partnership for Suicide Prevention. Holly stated the committee is moving forward to making this a regional committee.

### **III. FISCAL YEAR 15 STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Vince Radosta and Mike Clark have a meeting scheduled with the Governors Office for Children to discuss the budget. After the meeting a report will be given to the full board.

### **IV. UPDATE ON MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES – AMANDA NELSON**

- Amanda Nelson from Maryland Health Insurance Exchange gave a presentation on the new Health Care available.

### **V. FOLLOW –UP FROM THE RETREAT:**

- Peg Anawalt reviewed some exercises she likes to do with her staff; specifically, the Hawk & Dove exercise. Peg provided Hawk & Dove handouts for the board members.
- Vince Radosta explained that the purpose of the Retreat exercise was to make the members of the board more aware of different personalities and how the personalities function differently.

### **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURN:**

- Next meeting – February 19, 2014 at the Q. A. Co. Board of Ed.
- Meeting Adjourned at 1 p.m.