

**Queen Anne's County  
Community Partnerships for Children and Families  
Board Minutes  
January 20, 2016**

Approved: February 18, 2016

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

**Members Present:**

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College

Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Recreation

Jacki Carter, Community Member

Cindy Chirumbole, Community Member

Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services

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

Janice Feeley, Community Member

Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member

Lee Franklin, Community Member

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

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

Wayne Humphries, Community Member

Holly Ireland, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems

Carrie O'Connor, Community Member

Vincent Radosta, Community Member

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

Anne Van Benschoten, Community Member

**Administrative Staff:**

Cindi Boone, Administrative Assistant

Elaine Butler, Character Counts Coordinator

Michael R. Clark, Director

Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist

**Member Regrets:**

Cassidy Bosley, Community Member

Sheriff Hofmann, Q.A. Co. Sheriff

Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners\*

Mary Walker, Community Member

Jamie Williams, 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. LMB UPDATES & REPORTS:**

**A. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on January 11, 2016 to review the agenda and to discuss general topics for the January 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The committee made no formal decisions that require full board ratification.

- **Annual Bylaws Review**  
Board Members were presented with the current Bylaws for the annual review, board members were asked to contact Mike Clark or Wayne Humphries with any suggested changes so the changes can be submitted in accordance with the procedures in the bylaws.

**B. Secretary**

Cathy Dougherty, Board Vice President/Secretary, presented the minutes for the November 2015 board meeting.

**\*Action:**

Jacki Carter moved to approve the November 2015 minutes as written. Vince Radosta 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 report for December 2015.

**D. Director's Report**

Mike Clark gave an overview of the director's report that was included in the member packets. Mike reviewed the following topics:

- Most Recent Updates Regarding State Changes
- Board Retreat Follow-up

**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.

- fund raising letters brought in \$1350 from local businesses and service organizations bringing the current balance to \$3500.
- the Committee is considering non-profit status because the fund balance is too large for the Children's Council to handle.
- discussing the possibility of changing the mission statement to include mental health, "safety net" and school climate.
- looking into grants to support a professional training for QACPS.
- considering placing a QPR code on the Text-2-Stop posters.

**B. Character Counts! Advisory Committee**

Elaine Butler gave a brief overview:

- Character Counts! celebrated it's 15 year anniversary.
- Compass Regional Hospice did the December Proclamation for Caring, and the Arc of Central Chesapeake Region did the January Fairness Proclamation.
- CC! participated in the Christmas Parade on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- six new coaches trained.
- one new "Business of Character!"
- the SES Eagle Squad Drill Team has written the Respect Proclamation for February.
- the Position has been filled for the Character Counts! Coach Specialist.

**C. Children’s Council**

Tabled- further down on the Agenda in the Partner Update section.

**D. Cultural Proficiency Committee**

Brad Engel reported that the committee met prior to the LMB meeting this morning. The committee has been focused on the school system, but this initiative should go further and involve the community. The Committee is discussing how to get the community trained. Clayton Washington is restoring the old Kennard High School; the multimillion dollar project is in the completion stages. Brad stated that Nicole Brooks presented to the group on Upward Bound, this grant covers the cost for 1<sup>st</sup> generation college student’s to get exposure to college life on campus. The only roadblock is the grant only covers students locally.

**E. Mentor Committee (CommUNITY)**

Elaine Butler gave the board an update on mentoring:

- the committee held a Social hour event on December 9, 2015, the event went well, so a Spring Social is in the plan.
- still in need of mentors. Two matches were made.
- waiting to hear about the Bryan Brother grant.
- one new mentor in the process of being trained.
- Elaine attended a Mentor Round Table event in Baltimore.

**F. Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning Committee**

Future funding is tied in with our Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan, creating some concerns. The committee is about 1/3 into the project, and they have been meeting a lot. Focus groups will be starting soon. “Frequently asked questions” sheet was included in the member packets (this was presented to the Appropriation Committee by Arlene Lee).

**G. Open Table Committee (including Backpacks)**

Lee Franklin provided an update on Open Table, and Backpacks. The Open Table/Backpack committee attended the Commissioners meeting to express appreciation for funding provided through the county for the Backpack initiative. At this time it appears the commissioners will continue to fund the initiative if the committee is able to find a match for funding. Pastor Mark updated that Centreville United Methodist has formed a second table, just waiting on background check.

**H. Out of School Time Sustainability Committee**

Peg Anawalt along with Vince Radosta gave the board an overview of the events occurring with Out of School Time:

- enrollment is up for AlphaBEST.
- AlphaBEST is working with QACTV on PSA.
- AlphaBEST is able to offer 3 scholarships this year.
- AlphaBEST is starting to plan for the summer.
- Chesapeake College has cut back or possible deleted all kids on Campus programing, so this should create a bigger need for summer programs.
- AlphaBest had no luck again with programs at Churchill Elementary.

**I. Partnership for Suicide Prevention**

Holly Ireland gave the board updates. The group is moving along with Public Service Announcements with QACTV. Groups met on doing Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> aid. Suicide local data has not been refreshed for 2015, State data has an increased number of deaths due to overdose.

**IV. Partner Updates (Goals and mission, current initiatives and how can the LMB help your organization)**

The following lists of Agencies gave the board and overview of their History, Mission, Goals, and Services available.

- **Children’s Council – Jacki Carter**  
The Children’s Council identifies the met and unmet educational, health, and social needs of children and their families, of Queen Anne’s County, to assist in the organization of community resources to meet their needs and to act as advocates for the families.
- **Q.A. Co. Transportation – Anne Van Benschoten**  
Has a wide array of bus services for citizens of Queen Anne’s County. They offer transportation for all ages. They have fixed routes, one way routes, even door to door routes. The fee is based on daily, one way, and senior rates. There is a big demand for transportation of Dialysis patients. In general the demand and need for public transportation is growing.
- **Department of Juvenile Services – Joe Grabis**  
DJS gets referrals from many sources; parents, the local school system, the police departments, States Attorney’s Office. DJS Case managers work with many agencies, the court system, and the family to develop plans to help these children stay at home and in the community if possible. DJS case managers track the child all through the process. DJS cases have dropped in the last several years 10 years ago the case load was 530, last year the case load was 109. Juvenile arrests statewide are way down.

**V. Announcements & Adjourn**

- Next LMB Meeting: February 17, 2016
- Undoing Racism Workshop: March 7-9, 2016 at Eastern Shore Hospital Center, Cambridge, Maryland.