

**Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Minutes
May 16, 2018**

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

Members Present:

Meredith Braden, Community Member
Joan Brooks, QAC Parks & Recreation
Eric Daniels, Community Member
Lee Franklin, Community Member
Leslie Follum, QAC Board of Education
Joe Grabis, QAC Department of Juvenile Services
Bobbi Graef, QAC Department of Health
Michelle Johnson, Community Member

Megan Pinder, Mid Shore Mental Health Systems
Vince Radosta, Community Member
Laura Roth, Community Member
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member
Mary Walker, Community Member
Jody Walls, Department of Social Services
Jamie Williams, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Elaine Butler, Character Counts! Coordinator
Michael R. Clark, Director
Shelby Clark, Resource Development Specialist

Lisa Michaels, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Stansbury, Operation Specialist and
Office Coordinator II

Member Regrets:

Karla Altamirano, Community Member
Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Gery Hofmann, QAC Sheriff Office
Margie Houck, County Commissioners

Guests:

Theresa Fauteux, Family Support Center
Wayne Humphries, QA Advocates for Youth, Inc.,
Judy Corchiarino, QA Advocates for Youth, Inc.
Margan Glover, Queen Anne's at Home

I. Welcome, Call to order & Introductions:

Joe Grabis, Board President, welcomed all members and the meeting was called to order.

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on May 7, 2018. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for the May 16, 2018 meeting. No decisions to be ratified.

b. Secretary

Mary Ann Thompson, Board Vice President/Secretary, presented the minutes from April 2018 for approval.

****Action:**

Vince Radosta moved to approve the April 18, 2018 minutes as written. Jamie Williams 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 April 2018.

****Action:**

Vince Radosta made motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as written. Jamie Williams 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

Rainy Day Report – an update was given regarding the Local Care Team's Rainy Day Funds.

There is a meeting on Monday with all LMB Directors to come up with ideas regarding unspent money (Group Home Funding). One idea is to create an organization that supports the area LMBs by providing training and excellence courses, etc.

Opportunity Youth is in need of housing. This will be discussed with other LMBs on Monday.

Character Counts! and Backpacks for Hunger are in the Queen Anne's County budget. A special thanks to Lee Franklin and Elaine Butler.

A special thank you to the Out of School Time Committee for their hard work reviewing proposals for the before and after school grant. The proposals were reviewed and voted on by the committee and the award is going to AlphaBest. The funding is for three years.

III. Membership Committee

The Community Partnerships for Children and Families Membership Committee submits the following candidates for nomination to the Board. If approved by the Commission, their terms will begin on July 1, 2018 and last for three years.

***Action**

Eric Daniels made the motion to submit the following candidates to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners for board membership to the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board for a three year term beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2021. Lee Franklin provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried

- Jim Wills, Transit Administrator
- Bill Walmsley

The Community Partnerships for Children and Families Membership Committee is also submitting the following board members to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners to be re-appointed for a second three-year term starting July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021.

***Action**

Michelle Johnson made the motion to submit the following candidates to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners for re-appointment to the Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board for a second three year term beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2021. Mary Walker provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

- Vince Radosta
- Carrie O'Connor

Regretfully, the following Board members terms will expire or otherwise will no longer be board members after June 30, 2018.

- Lee Franklin
- Tammy Hall

Move to acknowledge and thank Lee Franklin and Tammy Hall for their efforts on behalf of Queen Anne's County children and families as they depart the Board of the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families.

The committee proposed the following members to the Executive Committee for fiscal year 2019.

- President: Joe Grabis
- Vice President/Secretary: Mary Ann Thompson
- Treasurer: Eric Daniels

***Action**

Lee Franklin made the motion to accept the proposed members presented for the Executive Committee for fiscal year 2019. Jamie Williams provided a second. All present voted in favor with three abstentions (Joe Grabis, Eric Daniels and Mary Ann Thompson) and the motion was carried.

III. Updates from the Community Partnership Agreement

Special recognition to Shelby Clark and Strategic Planning Committee Members for their hard work on the CPA grant. The CPA did receive a score of 79, which is a passing score. 71 is needed for passing. The GOC will be sending out questions to be answered.

IV. Presentation from Family Support Center, Theresa Fauteux, Child Development Specialist

The Family Support Center has been in existence for 18 years. MSDE is their umbrella. The Center educates families with young children up until the age of four regardless of economic status and ethnicity. The Center has eight staff members and is also a mobile service. A representative can go into the home and meet with the parents – perhaps they want to get their driver's license or need help with an IFP for their child. This is a free service. A parent comes in when their interested, speak with a service coordinator, a tour is scheduled and then a developmental screening. The Center also provides respite services. The Center works closely with DSS – Joan Taylor is the nurturing coordinator. The Center services other counties and work with County Ride. They do have bilingual staff. The Center's Infant and Toddlers program work together. June 15th is the breakfast event. They are currently working with a partner to find grants. Unfortunately, staff salaries at the Center are very low. Early childhood development is a great return on your investment. They are in need of more funding. The Center is currently working with DSS and BOE on a pilot program dealing with bullying. The BOE does not allow them to have a van.

V. QA Advocates for Youth, Inc., Wayne Humphries and Judy Corchiarino

QA Advocates for Youth, Inc. was established in 1992, comprised of an all-volunteer staff who provides a service for 501(c) 3 organizations \$5,000 and below. QA Advocates holds the money for a fee. No time commitment required and the individual organizations do their own fundraising.

VI. The Villages Concept, Margan Glover

The Villages Concept is a national movement started over a decade ago with the goal to keeps seniors at home while they age in place. Ninety percent of seniors want to age in place. The Villages Concept has changed their name to "Queen Anne's at Home". Mission statement: Supports a community focused on seniors stay safe, connected and independent. The Board is close to finalizing their financial component. The Board wants to complement the services that already exist.

Seniors helping seniors: Start small and let the members decide what is needed, let the members grow it.

Enrichment programs – senior navigational program. Getting seniors organized with life insurance information, make a binder for seniors so that they are organized with a financial, legal, medical, and end of life planning.

There are some challenges such as manpower - we need more people, experts, and volunteers. Help is needed recruiting members and financial stability.

VI. Announcements & Adjourn

Rainy day fund is available. Check it out online.

Next LMB meeting is June 20th in Meeting Room A at the Board of Education.