

**Queen Anne's County  
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)  
Minutes  
January 16, 2019**

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

**Members Present:**

Karla Altamirano, Community Member  
Meredith Braden, Community Member  
Joan Brooks, QAC Recreation  
Bobbi Graef, QAC Department of Health  
Susan Coppage, QAC Depart. of Social Services  
Brad Engel, QAC Department of Education  
Joe Grabis, President, Dept. of Juvenile Services  
Claire Johnson, Student Member

Michelle Johnson, Community Member  
Megan Pinder, Mid Shore Behavioral Health  
Systems  
Vince Radosta, Community Member  
Laura Roth, Community Member  
Mary Ann Thompson, Vice President, Secretary,  
Community Member  
Bill Walmsley, Community Member

**Administrative Staff:**

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

**Member Regrets:**

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College  
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member  
Gery Hofmann, QAC Depart. of Sheriff  
Margie Houck, QAC Commissioners Office  
Carrie O'Connor, Community Member

Mary Walker, Community Member  
Jamie Williams, Community Member  
Jim Wills, QAC County Ride

**Guests:**

Krista Pettit, Haven Ministries

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

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

**II. LMB Updates & Reports:**

**a. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on January 14, 2019. The Committee reviewed the agenda. The Executive Committee approved the agenda. No decisions to be ratified.

**b. Secretary**

Mary Ann Thompson, Board Vice President and Secretary, presented the minutes from December 7, 2018 for approval. Corrections to the minutes: Vice Radosta to be changed to Vince Radosta.

**\*\*Action:**

Vince Radosta moved to approve the December 7, 2018 as written (with the above change). Susan Coppage provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**c. Treasurer**

Joe Grabis, Board President, presented the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2018.

**\*\*Action:**

Vince Radosta made a 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.

Joe Grabis reminded the Board of the Treasurer vacancy. Please contact Mike Clark or Lisa Michaels if you are interested.

**d. Director's Report**

Multicultural Resource Center is giving a presentation to the Multicultural Proficiency Committee immediately following the board meeting. All are invited.

The Board is to review the Queen Anne's County Bylaws annually. The Bylaws were made available to the board members. Any changes will be discussed at the February meeting. If no change, the board will be asked to vote to approve.

**III. Haven Ministries Presentation , Krista Pettit, Executive Director**

Krista Pettit, Haven Ministries, gave a presentation to the Board.

**IV. Retreat Follow-up, Community Partnership Agreement NOFA and Next Steps**

- The Strategic Planning Committee through LMB started up programs for 3 years. The idea of the retreat was to think ahead 3-5 years since we were set for funding until that time. At the retreat the Board brainstormed additional areas we would like to explore in 3-5 years.
- At the retreat, the announcement was made that the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) merged into Governor's Office for Crime, Control and Prevention (GOCCP).
- The RFP was recently released and is completely different from what was promised. The Local Management Board now needs to do a NOFA and all funding is competitive which is completely against what was promised.
- The bigger counties could possibly be awarded the entire funding because of their population.
- The Local Management Board will be distracted against searching for other funding for programs such as night school, and substance abuse counselor. All resources are being expended on the RFP, and we cannot focus on grants for our other programs.

See attached bullet points.

Two pronged strategy moving forward:

1. The Local Management Board will work with lobbyist to try and get this changed. The RFP is due in mid-April.
2. Simultaneously, the Local Management Board will work to put in the best application that we can. In order to compete, we need an A-plus RFP. We will use Due East as a consultant to write our grants with Shelby and in conjunction with the Strategic Planning Committee.
3. The Strategic Planning Committee will be reactive in this regard, please join the Strategic Planning Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**V. Treasurer Position Vacancy**

**VI. Challenge Day Update**

Brad Engel gave a Challenge Day update.

- The Safety Net Committee spearheaded Challenge Day at all four middle schools. Every 7<sup>th</sup> grader in the county was invited to participate. Approx. 200 per school.
- Challenge Day brings a group of kids together for team building and sharing.
- Over 100 adults participated.
- All principals and Board members supported Challenge Day.
- Started having conversations and planning to do this again next year. Currently looking for funding.
- Facilitators did a great job – kids opened up.
- Kids who are typically under the radar are able to talk about problems.
- Kids apologized for bullying in the past.
- Content was very deep – it seems like the HS kids understood at a deeper level.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade is optimum age for the program.
- The facilitator paired down for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Potential bullies were defused.
- Good feedback from parents.
- Opening it up to the entire grade is key.
- Possible funding from Midshore Community Foundation. Robin Hill.

**VII. Announcements and Adjourn.**

The next Board of Directors meeting is February 20, 2019, BOE Room A.  
Youth Undoing Racism Workshop: February 17th & 18th Call Lisa at 410-758-6677

The Midshore LMBs' grant announcement will take place on Monday.

Joan Brooks and Lee Franklin are now co-chairs for the Multicultural Proficiency Committee, starting today.