

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
September 16, 2020
Virtual Meeting

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

Members Present:

Karla Altamirano, Community Member
Joan Brooks, QAC Recreation
Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services
Jessica Denny, Community Member
Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Stephanie Hines, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Office
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College

Vince Radosta, Community Member
Laura Roth, Community Member
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member
Lauren Kay Weber, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

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

Member Regrets:

Reverend Elmer Davis, Community Member
Alana Ellis, Student Member (QACHS)
Bobbi Graef, QAC Department of Health
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Maynard Nash, County Ride

Guests:

Abigail Ferretti and Anita Morrison,
Partners for Economic Solutions
Anne Van Benschoten, QAC Housing

I. Welcome:

Mary Ann Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. New Board members were introduced to the Board.

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met over the summer on July 13th, and July 27th and made the following decisions:

- On July 13th the committee voted to apply a State mandated cut to the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board's Community Partnership Agreement award for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$33,478 to the Volunteer Transportation Program. This decision applied the state cut to transportation activities bringing the amount available for those activities down from \$48,387 to \$14,909. The balance would be used to develop new transportation strategies in a way to be determined by the Strategic Planning Committee.

The committee decided to apply the cut this way because it was an unestablished program; and personnel wouldn't be affected because no one had been hired. They also noted that a volunteer driver transportation program would have been especially difficult to start this fiscal year due to many of the concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, even with the reduced amount of funding, the theme of transportation could still be carried on.

- July 13, 2020 – The Executive committee agreed to the recommendation of the LMB's membership Committee and submitted the following people to the Commissioners for appointment to the Local Management Board: Jessica Denny, Scott Evans, Stephanie Hines and Lauren Kay Weber.

****Action:**

Laura Roth made a motion to ratify the decisions made by the Executive Committee (see above) described in the Executive Committee section of The Director's Report for the September 16, 2020 Local Management Board meeting. Michelle Johnson provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

b. Secretary

Vince Radosta, Vice President and Secretary, presented the meeting minutes from June 2020 for approval.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas moved to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes as written. Susan Copping provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

c. Treasurer

Kathryn Dilley, Board Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Reports for June, July and August 2020.

****Action:**

Vince Radosta made a motion to accept the June, July and August 2020 Treasurer's Reports as written. Stephanie Hines provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the June, July and August 2020 Treasurer's Reports with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

d. Director's Report (see attached)

III. Housing Study Focus Group (see attached)

Board discussion points:

- Adult children are moving out of the county due to lack of affordable housing.
- Better paying jobs on western shore to pay for high rent prices.
- QAC is primarily white. Percentage of black residents has gone down.
- The study was pre-COVID.
- Grants were obtained by QAC Housing to prevent eviction due to Covid.
- Zoning regulations limits the amount of housing needed in the county.
- Preference of single-family home lifestyle.
- Builders are looking at Kent Island area because easy commute to western shore.
- This is an issue that's been going on for a very long time in the county.
- Lack of affordable housing affects our county's workforce too.
- Connection to health and the home of multi-generations (overcrowding the family home).
- Slippery Hill – low housing and market rent.
- Slippery Hill is currently building more sites.
- The county had a big push to stop building in QAC.
- Housing Authority and Housing Department are two different places.
- Very high tax base in QAC. Lots of issues about attracting affordable housing.
- Job market in QAC does not sustain people to live here.
- There is a population with bad credit scores who cannot pass the credit check to qualify for rental support.
- QAC does have Habitat for Humanity through Choptank.
- Tax credit calculations are using a median income (based on 40 hours a week) QAC works 37.5.
- Only one Habitat for Humanity has been built in the county.
- Possible Christmas in April??
- Housing assistance program – haven ministries is working on this.

Adjournment and Announcements:

A motion was made by Vince Radosta to end the meeting. A second was provided by Susan Coppage. All present voted in favor and the meeting was ended.