

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
January 20, 2021
Virtual Meeting

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

Members Present:

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
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College

Vince Radosta, Community Member
F/Sgt. Amelia Vansant, QAC Sheriff's Department
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
Lisa Michaels, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Rombro, Resource Development Specialist
Jennifer Stansbury, Operation Specialist and Office Coordinator II

Member Regrets:

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

Laura Roth, Community Member – proxy to chairman

I. Welcome:

Mary Ann Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met at the beginning of the month and approved the agenda for today's Board meeting. No official decisions were made that need to be ratified by the Board.

b. Secretary

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

****Action:**

Lauren Kay Weber moved to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes as written. Colleen Thomas 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 October, November, and December 2020.

****Action:**

Lauren Kay Weber made a motion to accept the October, November, and December 2020 Treasurer's Reports as written. Jessica Denny provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the October, November, and December 2020 Treasurer's Reports with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

d. Director's Report

- The Director's Report is included with the Board packet.
- The County now has a Covid Call Center. The call center is comprised of volunteers from various departments from the County to field general calls regarding the Covid vaccination.

- **Bylaws:**

The Board was requested to review and make any revisions to the Community Partnerships for Children and Families' (Local Management Board) Bylaws. The Bylaws were emailed to the Board Members prior to the January meeting.

****Action:**

Vince Radosta moved to note for the record that the Bylaws for the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families, our Local Management Board, have been reviewed in fiscal year 2021 and no amendments were requested. Katie Dilley provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

e. Committee Updates:

Back Pack Committee – Vince Radosta:

- Food has been distributed to approximately 400 families.
- Over the holidays food was distributed to approximately 560 families.
- The committee is in discussions on how the food distribution will look when the students return to in-person instruction.
- When students do return, the committee will be supplying the "grab and go" and also food for the small groups who are scheduled to return to school.
- The committee will be supplying weekend backpacks.

- The committee is expecting the need to increase.
- All CARES money was spent down, with a big portion of that CARES money returned to the County Commissioners.
- The Back Pack committee is very well off with funding.
- Also, the committee has managed to stock-up on food for later distribution.

Out of School Time Committee – Vince Radosta:

- The Edge Training Academy and AlphaBEST is continuing to provide a “day care” type program.
- The Edge has spent down their funding.
- AlphaBEST has 20 students enrolled.
- Partnering for Youth is attempting to do a virtual program. Concerned about transportation and staffing if they do get back to in-person instruction.
- Out of School Time Committee has a meeting tomorrow.

Safety Net Committee- Matt Evans:

- The Board of Education voted to have a hybrid model for in-person learning beginning January 28th. The Board has since rescinded that decision to small group instruction.
- The Board meets tonight, and reopening schools is on the agenda.
- March 1 could be a start date for the hybrid model.
- The Safety Net Committee continues to meet monthly.
- Adopt-a-Bear and Christmas Angels served students K-12. Both programs were a huge success.
- A virtual suicide prevention training was scheduled for December 10, 2020 – More Than Sad.
- The training was geared towards parents, but the training was also offered to school staff as required by MSDE.
- Schools shared with families and staff the Maryland Coalition of Families’ virtual wellness workshop series. The workshops are free and go through February.
- QACPS is working with school psychologists to prepare for students returning to school.
- The students have not been in the school for almost year, and they will need to get reacclimated.
- QACPS have resources in place for the hybrid reopening model.
- Challenge Day has funding that will not be used. This year the Safety Net Committee is planning a virtual assembly for the 6th and 7th graders on the topic of anti-vaping and anti-tobacco with an in-person community event in north county and south county.

QAC Equity Committee- Matt Evans:

- The Equity Committee will be meeting today at 4:00.
- The Equity Committee is comprised of several subcommittees.
- The Sunday Supper Committee has been doing virtual Sunday Suppers. The most recent Sunday Supper had over 50 people in attendance.
- The Education subcommittee is planning a virtual panel event that is scheduled for February 4, 2021. 6:00-8:00. That information has gone out

and will continue to go out. Target is 7th and 9th grade students. This is the first of numerous panel events being planned.

Strategic Planning Committee- Mike Clark:

- The Strategic Planning Committee met on Tuesday.
- The committee reviewed and discussed the results from the prioritizing strategies surveys.
- The committee discussed the CPA, our block grant.
- The committee welcomes more members. If you would like to join, please let Mike know.

Character Counts!- Susan Coppage:

- Character Counts! Board met this morning. Our coaches are continuing to meet with their students as best they can. Many coaches are doing their lessons virtually.
- Character Counts! is utilizing QACTV and the response has been great.
- A video for February is being planned now.
- Character Counts! continues to attend Commissioners meetings.
- The Bay times covered Character Counts! 20th anniversary.
- The Board is planning a coaches recognition dinner. This recognition dinner will either be virtual or in-person – still in the planning stages.
- Character Counts midshore closed as of the end of December. Disappointing, but that does not have any bearing on our program. Pretty much still strong as ever.

III. Community Partnerships Agreement Fiscal Year 2022

- RFP – Release Date
 - The State has not provided an exact release date; however, it is anticipated to be released by the end of the month.
 - We have been told that very little has changed with the application and we are doubtful that this CPA will have a competitive piece.
 - The LMB staff has started initial steps and initial timeline to get the application completed.
 - The Strategic Planning Committee has reviewed all our current programs and overall, their Performance Measures indicate they are doing well. That's along with the fact they needed to adjust for Covid.

1. Continue to fund current strategies.

****Action:** Vince Radosta proposed a motion to accept the Strategic Planning Committee's recommendation to request funding for the same strategies in the fiscal year 2022 Community Partnership Agreement application that were funded in the fiscal year 2021 CPA agreement. Lauren Kay Weber provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

2. Empower the Strategic Planning Committee to make decisions on behalf of the LMB for the Community Partnership Application in FY2022.

****Action:** Colleen Thomas made a motion to Empower the Strategic Planning Committee in partnership with the Executive Committee to make the decisions

necessary in order to submit the fiscal year 2022 Community Partnership Application on behalf of the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board. Jessica Denny provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

Local Care Team:

- The State has issued Directive #3 in December 2020.
- The new directive is revamping responsibilities of the LCTs.
- LCTs throughout the State will use universal referral forms and increase meeting time turnaround on new referrals.
- The State has tasked LCTs more formally with reviews from emergency rooms and youths in need of psychiatric resources.
- The State's new directive was to take effect immediately.
- The State has since delayed the new directive to take effect March 1st.
- Some concerns about quorums.

Transportation Voucher Program:

- QAC Needs Assessments indicate that transportation is a need in Queen Anne's County.
- Based on that need in QAC, the Strategic Planning Committee came up with a volunteer transportation program. But due to funding cuts, we narrowed the scope and developed the Transportation Voucher Program (with oversight by the Local Care Team).
- The Transportation Voucher Program has oversight through the QAC Local Care Team.
- The recruitment plan is on schedule and funds are being spent down.

Adjournment and Announcements:

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