

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
April 21, 2021
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
Bobbi Graef, QAC Department of Health
Stephanie Hines, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member

Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Maynard Nash, County Ride
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
Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator I
Rebecca Rombro, Resource Development Specialist

Member Regrets:

Reverend Elmer Davis, Community Member
Alana Ellis, Student Member (QACHS)
Scott Evans, Community Member
Margie Houck, County Commissioners

Sgt. John Meyers, QAC Sheriff's Department

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 on April 12, 2021, and approved today's agenda.

The Executive Committee made a decision that needs to be ratified by the Board. That decision was to task the Strategic Planning Committee to make recommendations to the full Board on how to spend the additional allocated funds provided through the CPA.

b. Secretary

Vince Radosta, Vice President and Secretary presented the meeting minutes from March 2021 for approval.

****Action:**

Lauren Kay Weber moved to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes as written. Jessica Denny 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 Report for March 2021.

****Action:**

Vince Radosta made a motion to accept the March 2021 Treasurer's Report as written. Colleen Thomas provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the March 2021 Treasurer's Report with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

d. Director's Report

- The Director's Report is included with the board packet.
- The LMBs had a Legislative Win! All your letters worked! The State is returning to Maryland LMBs \$1 million (was previously cut last year).
- QAC LMB will have returned \$18,538 to our budget.
- The Executive Committee would like to task the Strategic Planning Committee to made recommendations on how to spend the money which was just returned to QAC.
- A virtual retreat is next month.

****Action:**

Lauren Kay Weber made a motion to ratify the decision by the Executive Committee to direct the Strategic Planning Committee to make a recommendation to the LMB on how to spend the additional allocation of funds provided through the Community Partnership Agreement. Laura Roth provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

e. Committee Updates:

Membership Committee – Mary Ann Thompson

- There are three board positions available at this time. The Executive Committee has a vacancy for Vice Present/Secretary.
- Vince Radosta volunteered to be part of the Membership Committee.
- Looking into another student member.
- The Membership Committee will be reviewing resumes that were sent in last year. Please let the board know if you recommend a candidate.

Back Pack Committee – Vince Radosta:

- 575-600 bags a week – 200 more than pre-Covid.
- Still distributing to the schools and on Wednesdays to sites where the Board of Education is handing out food.
- Do not know when/if the BOE will stop giving out their food, guessing through June.
- The committee continues to handout weekend bags.
- Tomorrow starts the in-person schooling and bags will be distributed on Wednesdays.
- MD Food bank donates free food to the committee.
- Still have County money to spend and another \$19,000 in donations.
- The money will be returned to County Commissioners if not spent down by June 30, 2021.
- Matt Evans will look into food over the summer.
- QACPS plan is to serve breakfast over the summer.
- What are other possibilities for spending down the money – can we reallocate the balance, so we don't have to give it back?
- The committee is exploring possibilities within the committee.
- Try and transfer money into the Advocate fund so it could be used.

Out of School Time – Vince Radosta:

- AlphaBest's contract is up this year.
- Amy Cummins will be working on the contract and will hopefully be sent out today.
- The timeline is changed and we're hoping we get the final approval to send it out and then reviewed by the OST committee.
- QAC Parks & Recreation - moving into spring programs – used all their money.
- AlphaBest - 16 students – expect numbers will go up starting tomorrow.
- Partnering for Youth decided to remain remote programs for remainder of school year. They will partner with BOE for summer programs.
- The Edge – 9-12 kids Mondays and Tuesdays . Expect after tomorrow numbers will go down.
- Waiting on RFP for next year.

Safety Net Committee- Matt Evans:

- The committee met today.
- Social and Emotional Learning - Zones of Regulations in elementary schools and Learning Collaborative for high schools students.
- QACPS now has a Wellness FB page.
- Handle with Care is active – agencies are participating well.
- Challenge Day is scheduled for June 2, 2021 for 7th and 8th grades, virtual.
- Vaping about Prevention is scheduled for June 2, 2021 for 6th graders, virtual.

- Vaping about Prevention is scheduled for May 26, 2021 for 5th graders, virtual.

QAC Equity Committee- Matt Evans:

- This month's meeting is cancelled due to a schedule conflict.
- Sunday Supper is very active, the committee featured Imani Black.
- The committee is planning another virtual panel event. The target of this event will be "How to Navigate the Schools in the United States."

Strategic Planning Committee- Mike Clark:

- CPA Application Update
 - CPA was submitted.
 - Some follow-up was required.
 - The State is reviewing all the applications and will let us know if they need anything additional.
 - Final word by June.
- Strategic Plan updates
 - The Strategic Planning Committee was made aware of being tasked to make recommendations for the additional funds allocation through the CPA.
 - The committee is working on strategic planning and prioritizing strategies.
 - Need community again, get the community back together.
 - Start to thrive again.
 - Getting resources who need it and start trying to contact and make connections with those people who do not get asked the questions.
 - Learn what is already in the community, change what's in the community.
 - Collaborate with faith-based community, Latin community, etc.
 - Needs assessment.
 - The committee is utilizing ALICE which measures true need of families basic needs. ALICE - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

Character Counts – Susan Coppage:

- Faye Lister scholarship application is due end of April.
- The Character Counts! Advisory Board meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you're interested joining, please contact Kelly Huber.
- Coaches are starting to go back in school.
- Michael Josephson, Drake University, reached out to Kelly and looking to talk to QAC Character Counts because they believe QAC model is impressive.

III. Program Monitoring – The Next Step in the Process – Mike Clark (for Jennifer Stansbury) – See Attached.

IV. Agency Overview: Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services - Susan Copping – Director – See Attached.

Adjournment and Announcements:

Next LMB meeting is May 19, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. - Board Retreat – virtual.

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