

**Queen Anne's County**  
**Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)**  
**Minutes**  
**June 16, 2021**  
Virtual Meeting

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

**Members Present:**

Joan Brooks, QAC Recreation  
Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health  
Reverend Elmer Davis, Community Member  
Jessica Denny, Community Member  
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health  
Michelle Johnson, Community Member  
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department  
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College  
Maynard Nash, Transit Department  
Vince Radosta, Community Member

Laura Roth, Community Member  
Alex Sweetak, Department of Social Services  
Jone Taylor, Children's Council  
Colleen Thomas, Community Member

**Administrative Staff:**

Michael Clark, Director  
Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator I  
Jennifer Stansbury, Office Coordinator III

**Member Regrets:**

Karla Altamirano, Community Member  
Alana Ellis, Student Member (QACHS)  
Matt Evans, Board of Education  
Scott Evans, Community Member

Stephanie Hines, Community Member  
Margie Houck, County Commissioners  
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services  
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member  
Lauren Kay Weber, Community Member

**Guest:**

Doncella Wilson, Kent County LMB and  
Minary's Dream Alliance

- I. **Welcome:**  
Vince Radosta called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.
- II. **LMB Updates & Reports:**
  - a. **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on June 14, 2021, and approved today's agenda.

No decisions were made by the Executive Committee that needs to be ratified by the Board.

**b. Secretary**

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

**\*\*Action:**

Joan Brooks moved to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes as written. Joan Taylor 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 May 2021.

**\*\*Action:**

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

**d. Director's Report:**

Thanks to all Board members for all their enthusiasm this fiscal year. Hopefully next fiscal year we can meet in person. The full Director's Report can be found in the Board packet.

**e. Committee Updates:**

**Membership Committee – Katie Dilley**

- The Membership Committee met and made a number of new board members recommendations to the Executive Committee for FY 22 and also thanked and acknowledged the departing Board members.

**\*\*Action:**

Bobbi Graef made a motion to submit the following new 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, 2021, ending June 30, 2024.

- Justin Hoyt – Representing the community
- Cameron Ronayne – Representing the community
- Sara Shelley – Representing the community
- Olivia Tryon, Student member

Lt. Mark Meil provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**\*\*Action:**

Joan Taylor made a motion to acknowledge and thank Vince Radosta, Stephanie Hines and Laura Roth 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. Joan Brooks provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**\*\*Action:**

Jessica Denny made a motion to appoint the following people to the positions as stated below for one year effective July 1, 2021.

- President: Mary Ann Thompson
- Vice President/Secretary: Michelle Johnson
- Treasurer: Kathryn Dilley

Jone Taylor provided a second. All presented voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion carried.

**Backpack Committee – Vince Radosta:**

- Today starts the grab & go for the summer at 4 locations to include the two high schools, Grasonville and Sudlersville every day from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 560 bags a week are being distributed.
- The committee hopes to save unused funds from the grant given by the county commissioners by awarding grants to the area churches that are participating in the program.
  - \$25,000 given out by grants.
  - Spent \$4,000 on goods.
  - Balance is \$1,000.
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> starts the new fiscal year and expect to receive approximately \$37,000.
  - Also funds from the Advocates Fund of \$19,000.
  - Stocked up on food.
- Susan Coppage will be chair of the committee beginning in September.
- Churches receiving the “grants” were identified by those who have traditionally been a part of the backpack program.
- It would be difficult to identify the children who are in summer camps to provide backpacks.

**Out of School Time – Vince Radosta:**

- Funds from last year have been disbursed except for Partnering for Youth (PFY). PFY did not have an in-person program set up.

- The Edge, AlphaBEST and Parks and Recreation have received their full \$25,000.
- PFY is having an 8-week summer session.
- Parks and Recreation are having various camps at Mowbray Matapeake Complex, middle schools and high schools. A total of 6/8 weeks.
- AlphaBEST was not able to get a summer program together.
- The Board voted last month to recommend to the BOE that they accept AlphaBEST for another 3- year period plus 1 year additional. The BOE has been delayed in making a decision due in part to change in superintendent. Amy Cummins and other members of this committee may have to appear at the BOE BOD meeting on July 7, 2021 before final approval is made.
- Michelle Johnson will be the new chair for FY 22 for Out of School Time program.

**Safety Net Committee:** – Joan Brooks

- The fifth graders enjoyed a great assembly – Rapping for Prevention. The assembly was well attended.
- This assembly was in partnership with Dorine Fassett and the tobacco cessation grant.
- Virtual Challenge Day for 7th and 8th graders also went well.
- Mr. Bar is very good and does other kinds of preventions

**Equity – Matt Evans:**

- Sunday Supper – Mary Walker is be chairman of the Sunday Supper group.

**Strategic Planning** – Mike Clark/Becky Rombro

- The QAC LMB received our award letter from the State. We received what we asked for. Thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee members.
- One typo – LCT should be receiving \$26,250 for LCT, not \$25,250.
- We will be reaching out to the program providers to explain performance measures and the board will be receiving an update in that regard.
- The Committee will need to do a formal needs assessment.
- The Transportation Voucher Program was awarded \$30,378.00.

**I. Regional Application: Minary’s Dream Alliance - Youth Grantmaking Group Doncella Wilson, Kent LMB and Kat Stork, Shore Strategies, LLC**

- Kent County Local Management Board and Minary’s Dream Alliance were invited by Shore Rivers to respond to an RFP from the Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment.
- QAC Local Management supported their proposal on a regional basis by providing a letter of support.
- The RFP is for a pilot program for youth 16-24 and the program will be geared to help youth to understand the needs in the community, receive funds to identify needs in the community and ultimately put out an RFP themselves.
- The grant is 3-5 years. If awarded, the first year will be dedicated to planning, training, recruiting youth, RBA, and research. The program will serve the 5 midshore counties.

- This program is designed to be similar to the Adult Leadership Program.
- Hopeful and confident that we have a strong application.
- Understanding the needs in the community at a young age is huge.
- Adolescent Club House. This club house is for ages of 12-17. It is a preventive program for substance abuse.
- Built in many partnerships in the community.
- Have referrals on our website.

IV. Recognizing Departing Board Members - Mike Clark – See Attached.

- The new board members will be submitted to the County Commissioners to be appointed.
- The new board members will be given an informal orientation prior to our first FY22 meeting.

A motion was made by Colleen Thomas to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Johnson provided a second. All present voted in favor of ending the meeting.