

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

**October 20, 2021**

Hybrid meeting – In-Person and Virtual

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

**Members Present:**

Joan Brooks, QAC Recreation  
Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services  
Rev. Elmer Davis, Community Member  
Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health  
Matt Evans, Board of Education  
Scott Evans, Community Member  
Justin Hoyt, Community Member  
Michelle Johnson, Community Member  
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College  
Maynard Nash, Transit Department

Cameron Ronayne, Community Member  
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services  
Sara Shelley, Community Member  
Jone Taylor, Children's Council  
Colleen Thomas, Community Member  
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member  
Olivia Tryon, Student Member  
Lauren Kay Weber, Community Member

**Administrative Staff:**

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

**Member Regrets:**

Karla Altamirano, Community Member (Proxy Given)  
Jessica Denny, Community Member  
Alana Ellis, Student Member (QACHS)  
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health (Proxy Given)

Margie Houck, County Commissioners (Proxy Given)  
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department

**Guest:**

Carolyn Blades, Maryland Coalition of Families  
Nicole Chase-Powell and Jamie Jenkins, Healthy Families  
Lisa Michaels, QAC Local Care Team and Transportation Voucher Program

**I. Welcome:**

Mary Ann Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Introductions were made. Welcome Sara Shelley.

## II. LMB Updates & Reports:

### a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on October 18, 2021. The Executive committee approved the agenda for today's Board meeting. No official decisions were made that need to be ratified by the Board.

### b. Secretary

Michelle Johnson, Vice President and Secretary presented the meeting minutes from September 2021 for approval.

#### **\*\*Action:**

Susan Copping moved to approve the September 15, 2021 minutes as written. Jone 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 September 2021.

#### **\*\*Action:**

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

### d. Director's Report:

We are looking forward to the Annual Board Retreat on November 18, 2021 at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club.

Please see your Board packets for the full Director's Report

### e. Committee Updates:

#### • **Back Pack Committee:**

See the attached Back Pack meeting minutes dated October 14, 2021.

#### • **Out of School Time Committee:**

- The Queen Anne's County Commission approved \$200,000 in their fiscal year 2022 budget to fund out of school time activities. The Partnering for Youth Program receives funding of \$100,000 and an RFP was announced for the balance which was awarded to Queen Anne's County Parks & Recreation, AlphaBEST and Partnering for Youth through an RFP.
- AlphaBEST is experiencing a somewhat difficult year recruiting staff members for their program.
- The Out of School Time Committee plans to meet again soon.

- **Safety Net Committee:**
  - The Safety Net Committee met earlier today.
  - Linda Austin is doing a great job with Christmas Angels. Gifts are already coming into the schools and being delivered to the families.
  - School staff has noticed increased bullying in schools and are brainstorming ways to address this.
  - The Committee is looking into doing a Challenge Day in February 2022.
  
- **Strategic Planning Committee:**
  - The Strategic Planning Committee released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Needs Assessment.
  - Letters of Intent to apply for the RFP are due November 1, 2021.
  - The Needs Assessment proposals are due November 19, 2021.
  - The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on December 1, 2021 to review and select a vendor for the Needs Assessment.
  
- **Character Counts!:**
  - Character Counts! is not back in the schools yet, but coaches are ready to begin once they are approved to return to the classrooms.
  - Character Counts! 21st anniversary is coming up.
  - Kelly Huber, Coach Specialist, continues to recruit and train new coaches.
  - The Board is planning a fundraiser soon.

### III. Program Presentations:

- **Healthy Families:**
  - The program is designed for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time parents utilizing Medical Assistance or WIC.
  - Currently serving families in Queen Anne's, Talbot, Kent and Caroline Counties.
  - Goals are to reduce child abuse and neglect.
  - Recently the program has had difficulties keeping parents engaged.
  - Healthy Families has a program to provide new moms with warning signs of post-natal depression and they provide resources for post-natal care.
  
- **Achievement Mentoring:**
  - Kia Reed, the program's coordinator, recently accepted a new position as a counselor for one of our schools.
  - QACPS are in the process of interviewing new candidates for this position and have two potential candidates. Hopefully this position will be filled by November 1, 2021.
  - QACPS also have job openings for Mental Health Professionals.
  
- **Maryland Coalition of Families: See Attached.**
  
- **QAC Local Care Team – See Attached.**
  
- **Transportation Voucher Program – See Attached.**

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