

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
September 15, 2021
Hybrid meeting – In-Person and Virtual

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
Cpl. Ryan Davidson, QAC Sheriff's Department
Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Jessica Denny, Community Member
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member

Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Dr. Patricia Saelens, Board of Education
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
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
Rebecca Rombro, Resource Development Specialist
Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist and Office Coordinator III

Member Regrets:

Rev. Elmer Davis, Community Member
Alana Ellis, Student Member (QACHS)
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health (Proxy Given)

Margie Houck, County Commissioners (Proxy Given)
Maynard Nash, Transit Department (Proxy Given)
Sara Shelley, Community Member (Proxy Given)

Guest:

Doncella Wilson, CommUNITY Mentoring
Yolanda Acree, CommUNITY Mentoring

I. Welcome:

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

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on June 23rd, August 16th, and September 13, 2021. The Executive Committee made several decisions over the summer that will require the ratification by the Board.

****Action:**

Susan Coppage made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to accept the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee to place the services for the CommUNITY Mentoring program as described in the LMB's Community Partnership Agreement and other related LMB documents out to bid. Matt Evans provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

****Action:**

Colleen Thompson made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to accept the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee that the organization, Minary's Dream Alliance, be awarded the contract to provide the CommUNITY Mentoring program for fiscal year 2022. Karla Altamirano provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

****Action:**

Susan Coppage made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to accept the recommendation of the Out of School Time Committee to award Out of School Time funding provided through the Queen Anne's County's budget to the LMB to the following organizations in the following amounts:

- Queen Anne's County Parks & Recreation: \$25,000
- AlphaBEST: \$40,000
- Partnering for Youth: \$35,000

Colleen Thomas provided a second. All present voted in favor and the motion was carried. Note: Matt Evans, Dr. Patricia Saelens, and Joan Brooks voted in abstention.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to expand the position of the Character Counts Coach Specialist, currently held by Kelly Huber, from up to 20 hours a week to up to 28 hours a week. Joan Brooks provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

b. Secretary

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

****Action:**

Joan Brooks moved to approve the June 16, 2021 minutes as written. Matt Evans 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 June 2021.

****Action:**

Karla Altamirano made a motion to accept the June 2021 Treasurer's Report as written. Susan Coppage provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the June 2021 Treasurer's Report with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

d. Director's Report:

It is great to see everyone today and exciting to start off the new fiscal year. The full Director's Report can be found in the Board packets. Below are a few highlights.

- The Board will continue with in-person meetings with a virtual option.
- Patricia Hackleman, CommUNITY Mentoring program coordinator, resigned from her position. The Strategic Planning Committee decided to bid out the program and the program was awarded to Minary's Dream Alliance.
- At next month's Board of Directors meeting there will be presentations from our service providers. These programs were awarded funds from our block grant, the Community Partnership Agreement (CPA).

e. Strategic Planning Committee:

- The Strategic Planning Committee monitors programs funded through the CPA. August was a busy month. The committee posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the CommUNITY Mentoring program. The committee developed a strong scoring plan and after careful review and discussion decided to award the program to Minary's Dream Alliance.
- The committee met in September and discussed the service providers' programs, looked at data, and discussed the need for an updated needs assessment. The committee will discuss what data we want to gather and how we want to gather that data.

f. Out of School Time Committee:

- The Queen Anne's County Commission again 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 directly and the remaining \$100,000 is made available through a competitive grant process overseen by the Out of School Time Committee. The committee sent an RFP out to bid and received several great proposals.

- The committee developed a strong scoring sheet and voted based on the score cards. See the packet for more details.

g. Character Counts!:

- Responsibility is pillar for the month of September.
- Character Counts! 21st anniversary is coming up.
- QACTV Super Show is completed and presented.
- Character Counts! meet with Dr. Saelens.
- Kelly Huber, Character Counts! Coach Specialist participated at QAC Goes Purple.
- Ms. Huber continues coach recruitment.
- Thank you to the Board of Education for sending out incentives to their staff to become a Character Counts! coach.

III. Update on the Queen Anne’s County Public Schools – Dr. Patricia Saelens, School Superintendent.

- Great to be in Queen Anne’s County, originally from Caroline County schools.
- Looking at strategic planning and developing a plan to hopefully implement by next fall.
- Developing a partnership with Choptank Health.
- Focusing on Pre-K and Pre-K expansion. Full day programs are successful for our students.
- Try to keep schools in-person and keeping up with the new mandates.
- Standardized testing will continue to be in-person, but the testing will be shortened.
- Currently testing to detect gaps in learning.
- SRS grant funding is coming to Queen Anne’s County. A committee has been formed to meet and discuss SRS funds. This year the funds provided for an extensive tutoring plan. This tutoring plan helped to meet the needs of students to help them get back on track.
- Hoping to have health clinics in the schools that will be open even if school is closed and open to the community. QACPS plans to follow great model and should be very successful.
- QACPS has a partnership with Chesapeake College.

IV. CommUNITY Mentoring – Plans for Fiscal Year 2022 - Doncella Wilson, Executive Director Minary’s Dream Alliance – See attached.

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