

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
March 16, 2022
Virtual

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

Members Present:

Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services
Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College

Maynard Nash, Transit 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, Office Coordinator I
Rebecca Rombro, Resource Development Specialist
Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist and Office Coordinator III

Member Regrets:

Karla Altamirano, Community Member
Joan Brooks, QAC Recreation
J Rev. Elmer Davis, Community Member
Alana Ellis, Student Member (QACHS)
Jessica Denny, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health

Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Sara Shelley, Community Member
Olivia Tryon, Student Member (proxy to chairman)

Guest:

Heather Witt, Kulik Strategic Advisors
Warren Wright and Kathy Wright, Drug Free Queen Anne
Maggie Thomas, Director for Substance Abuse and Prevention Services

I. Welcome:

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

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on March 14, 2022. The Executive Committee discussed and approved a decision to make a budget amendment request to the State to transfer \$3,000 into the Transportation Voucher Program from the Achievement Mentoring Program. We would be asking the State to move money from one program to another.

****Action:**

Matt Evans made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to request the State to move money from the Achievement Mentoring program to the Transportation Voucher Program.

Colleen Thomas provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

The Executive Committee approved the agenda for today's Board meeting. No further 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 February 16, 2022, for approval.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor moved to approve the February 16, 2022, minutes as written. Maynard Nash 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 February 2022.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor made a motion to accept the February 2022 Treasurer's Report as written. Maynard Nash provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the February 2022 Treasurer's Report with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report:

Jennifer Stansbury and I are working on a request from Healthy Families regarding their staff's increase in salaries. Amanda Ensor, QAC Public Schools, is working to revive a film on early childhood and asked the LMB to be a sponsor.

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

E. Committee Updates:

- **Backpack Committee – Scott Evans**
 - The Backpack Committee has not had a meeting since the last board meeting.
 - Next meeting is in June.
 - At June's meeting the committee will work out plans for the summer.
 - The food bank money has been extended through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2022.

- **Character Counts! – Susan Coppage**
 - The Advisory Board met this morning.
 - The Edge Foundation made a presentation at this morning's meeting.
 - Character Counts! is looking to partner with the Edge and the Foundation is an arm of the Edge facility.
 - The Edge offers camps and lots of different activities that will mirror Character Counts! mission.
 - Sudlersville Boys Scouts will be at the next Commissioners meeting.
 - The Jackie Carter Young People Who Care Award will be offered again this year. A \$500 award.
 - Reach out to Lauren Weber regarding another scholarship opportunity for Character Counts!

- **Children's Council – Jone Taylor**
 - The Children's Council is hosting a Mental Health State of the Child Summit on May 24, 2022, from 12-4:00 at Chesapeake College.
 - The summit is half full right now.
 - There is limited space so please register soon.

- **Out of School Time Committee – Lauren Searce**
 - The Committee met on February 28, 2022 and discussed the current programs that utilize the RFP and received updates on those.
 - Everything is moving in the right direction.
 - The Committee met with the new coordinator of PFY, Ms. King, and she was able to provide updates.
 - The Edge Foundation gave 2 presentations.
 - RFP pay out – AlphaBest is the only program who has requested their funding. The other two programs have not as of today's date.
 - We will be meeting in April to discuss the RFP for next year.

- **Safety Net Committee**
 - QAC Public Schools is partnering with Mediation Upper Shore. The mediation team is currently at Matapeake Middle School.
 - Alcohol prevention program assembly for Grades 6th-8th.
 - Anti-vaping assembly on April 7th and 8th for 6th graders. This assembly is in partnership with the Health Department.
 - Text 2 Stop It initiative continues to be up and running.
 - Handle with Care – no new calls
 - There will be an anti-bullying and anti-cyber bullying presentation for 7th graders 30th and 31st.

- QACPS has a wellness Facebook page which is updated daily.
- An assembly is being organized for all 6th graders in the County entitled Rapping About Prevention on April 7th and 8th.
- Looking into a possible assembly on compassion and empathy for everything that is going on in society today.

- **Strategic Planning Committee – Michelle Johnson**

- Needs Assessment –As of this morning 194 quality of life surveys have been completed.
- Hard copies of the surveys have been dropped off at QAC Library, Haven Ministries, the 3 County senior centers, Department of Social Services.
- Staff is working on getting the survey to the hard-to-reach population.
- The State has increased the LMB's budget.

III. Needs Assessment Focus Group – Facilitator Heather Witt, Kulik Strategic Advisors – See attached.

IV. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment in Queen Anne's County – Kathy, and Warren Wright, Drug Free Coalition and Maggie Thomas, Director for Substance Abuse and Prevention Services

- Discussions are ongoing regarding the Whitsitt Center.
 - Working collaboratively to preserve the services provided at the center, the fate of the building, and the employees.
 - Many residents are dependent on the programs offered at the Whitsitt Center.
 - Currently working with Bill Webb, Health Officer, the County Commissioners and community stakeholders regarding the Whitsitt Center.
 - How can we fund and resource the building?
 - More information to follow regarding the Whitsitt Center.
 - A Crisis Center will be developed on the Eastern Shore. Stay tuned for more information.
- Problem Solving Court - Drug Court – hopefully starting sometime this summer. Waiting on the State funding – Judge Knight on this project.
 - Operation Save A Life – which is Narcan in a thermos with instructions on how to administer the Narcan.
 - Posters will be located in businesses. QAC will train staff to include onboarding staff.
 - Restaurants are a prime location for overdose incidents.
 - More information to follow.
 - Kathy Wright – QAC goes purple – Drug Free Coalition has been strong for over 20 years.
 - Warren updates the signs weekly.
 - Last year's purple event was at Love Point Park.
 - This past week – the County seat was lit up. At least 250 people there.
 - A lot of vendors tables, lots of business and private. The Elks Club has been a big supporter.
 - Drug Free Coalition is back in the schools this year speaking to middle school students about effects of alcohol and drugs.
 - Banners are up in all the schools, parks.

- 24/7 drop off locations for prescription drugs.
- Kathy and Warren continue to do public speaking around the County.
- Opioid poster contest in schools.
- Currently working with the drama clubs in schools to make a commercial.
- Developing an ambassador program so that students can be part of the drug free coalition.
- The coalition has done radio and commercials.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 20, 2022 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Colleen Thomas made a motion to end the meeting, Scott Evans provided a second. All voted in favor of ending the meeting.