

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
April 20, 2022
In-Person with Virtual Option

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

Members Present:

Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services

Jessica Denny, Community Member

Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health

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 Scarce, Department of Juvenile Services

Sara Shelley, Community Member

Mary Ann Thompson, 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

Matt Evans, Board of Education

J Rev. Elmer Davis, Community Member

Alana Ellis, Student Member (QACHS)

Bobbi Graef, Department of Health

Margie Houck, County Commissioners

Cameron Ronayne, Community Member

Jone Taylor, Children's Council

Colleen Thomas, Community Member

Olivia Tryon, Student Member (proxy to chairman)

Lauren Kay Weber, Community Member

Guest:

Heather Witt, Kulik Strategic Advisors

Keda Dorisca

Nicole Chase-Powell, Healthy Families

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 April 11, 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. However, Achievement Mentoring was able to spend down the \$3,000 and there was no need budget amendment.

The Executive Committee discussed and approved the LMB submitting an application through the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (JJAC) entitled Queen Anne's County Mentoring and Transportation services on behalf of Minary's Dream Alliance that needs to be ratified by the full Board.

**** Action:**

Justin Hoyt made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to submit an application through the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (JJAC) entitled Queen Anne's County Mentoring and Transportation Services on behalf on Minary's Dream Alliance.

Susan Coppage 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 March 16, 2022, for approval.

**** Action:**

Scott Evans moved to approve the March 16, 2022, minutes as written. Susan Coppage 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 2022.

**** Action:**

Susan Coppage made a motion to accept the March 2022 Treasurer's Report as written. Scott Evans provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the March 2022 Treasurer's Report with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report:

- The QAC Local Care Team's Rainy Day funds are just under \$500.
- The Transportation Voucher Program funds are spent down for this fiscal year.

- April is month of young child.
- Rebuilding Together (known in the past as Christmas in April) needs more board members. The nonprofit makes essential repairs to help folks stay in their homes. The organization works with renters and landlords. Please contact them directly if you are interested in becoming a board member.
- Please see the Board packet 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.
 - More updates to follow after the June meeting.
- **Character Counts! – Susan Coppage**
 - The Advisory Board will be meeting next week.
 - Character Counts! will soon be accepting applications for the Jackie Carter Young People Who Care Award and Fay Lister Teen of Character Scholarship.
- **Out of School Time Committee – Lauren Searce**
 - The committee will be meeting on April 4, 2022, to discuss upcoming RFP for next school year.
 - The committee will also meet on May 9th to discuss what the RFP is going to look like.
 - Budget has not been finalized yet by the County Commissioners.
- **Strategic Planning Committee – Michelle Johnson and Heather Witt, KSA**
 - Needs Assessment –As of this morning 300 quality of life surveys have been completed.
 - Four meetings are being scheduled with the Strategic Planning Committee and the full Board. The First of four meetings is scheduled for May 5, 2022. See Attached.

III. Healthy Families (Achievements, Braided Funding & Future Funding) – Nicole Chase-Powell

- The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) informed Healthy Families that their funding will become competitive in fiscal year 2024.
- Healthy families is located in the Health Department.
- Healthy Families has a great relationship with the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Judy Center, the Family Center.
- Healthy Families' Family Resource Specialists have first initial contact with the family. The Resource Specialist builds relationships with referring organizations
- Home visitors utilize a great kids curriculum. Topics in that curriculum can be review with parents.
- Home visitors note that there is a lot of trauma going on currently and poverty.

- Home visitors also utilize Ages and Stages. Parents can keep track if their child is on target in development.
- Healthy Families can provide resources up until the child is 5 years old.
- 0-5 literary skills – books are distributed to families at every other visit.
- Healthy Families has been operating for 22 years. The health pandemic was different, but the organization maintained 75% of the families. Parents were given choice of phone meeting or video.
- All staff returned to the office after the pandemic and staff is very diversified.
- Accredited through Healthy Families America. A year long process.
- Healthy Families serves QAC, Kent, Caroline and Talbot County.
- Staff received a salary increase in FY23 and are looking for additional funding to cover the raises.
- Medicare has agreed to pay \$188 per family, per visit.

IV. Unite Us Referral and Collaboration Platform Keda Dorisca
<https://uniteus.com/>

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:30-1:00 p.m.

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