

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
September 21, 2022
In-Person with Virtual Option

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

Members Present:

Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Ashley Kaiser, Community Member
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Patrick Kirk, Community Member
Deyanica Murga, Community Member
Lauren Scarce, Department of Juvenile Services

Jody Simmons, Department of Social Services
Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Michael Clark, Director
Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator
Rebecca Rombro, Resource Development Specialist
Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist and Office Coordinator III

Member Regrets:

Jessica Denny, Community Member
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department

Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Sara Shelley, Community Member
Olivia Tryon, Student Member
Lauren Kay Weber, Community Member

Guest:

Tracy Kulik, Kul Kulik Strategic Advisers (KSA)
Marcos Alcorn, Kulik Strategic Advisers (KSA)

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 July 16th, August 8th, and September 12th, 2022. Below are the decisions made by the Executive Committee that need to be ratified by the Board.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor moved 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 budget to the following organizations in the following amounts:

- o Queen Anne's County Parks & Recreation: \$13,000,
- o AlphaBEST: \$30,000,
- o Partnering for Youth: \$50,000, and
- o The Edge Academy: \$7,000

Colleen Thomas provided a second. All present voted in favor with Lauren Scearce voting in abstention. The motion carried.

****Action:**

Lauren Scearce moved to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to accept the recommendation of the LMB staff that Minary's Dream Alliance be awarded the balance of the CommUNITY Mentoring fund in the amount of \$1,574.84 that is held with Queen Anne's County Advocates Fund to be used for transportation expenses.

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

****Action:**

Jone Taylor moved to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to assign Jody Simmons, the Acting Director of the Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services (DSS), as an ex-officio member of the Local Management Board (LMB) representing DSS. AND further move that Jody Simmons will cover Susan Coppage's responsibilities as Vice President/Secretary for the LMB until which time Ms. Coppage returns to her position as Director of DSS.

Patrick Kirk provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion carried.

B. Secretary

Jody Simmons, Vice President and Secretary, presented the meeting minutes from June 15, 2022, for approval.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor moved to approve the June 15, 2022, minutes as written. Colleen Thomas provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer

Kathryn Dilley, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Reports for June, July and August 2022.

****Action:**

Colleen Taylor made a motion to accept the June, July, and August 2022 Treasurer's Reports as written. Jone Taylor provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the June, July, and August 2022 Treasurer's Reports with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report:

- The Board is very fortunate to begin this year with great new Board members.
- The Executive Committee will be asking the Board to ratify several of their decisions that were made over the summer.
- Drug Free Coalition is asking for the support of the LMB in their position to oppose legalizing recreational marijuana.
- Staff is anxious to hear back from Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (JJAC) whether or not their grant application was approved. The application was entitled The Truancy Prevention/Intervention Project.
- The 2022 LMB Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan is wrapping up.

See the complete Director's Report in your Board Packets.

E. Committee Updates:

• **Backpack Committee – Colleen Thomas**

- The Committee has been very busy over the summer.
- Title One schools had summer programs that the committee provided backpacks to:
 - o Grasonville Elementary School – 180 backpacks.
 - o Sudlersville Elementary – 180 backpacks.
 - o Sudlersville – 156 backpacks.
 - o Church Hill Elementary School – 164 backpacks.
- Supported the Migrant Program:
 - o 408 bags and snacks
 - o Collaborated with Christ's Church to support 2 family nights.
 - o Gave away swim suits and clothing donations.
- The Food Bank will continue providing free food until December 31, 2022.
- The Committee hopes to start backpacks in all schools soon.
- There is concern that some families, who were FARMS eligible the last two years, but are not FARMS eligible now, may still be food insecure. The guidance counselors are encouraged to check on those families to see if they need weekend food.
- Linda Austin made a request to the Committee, on behalf of a social worker at ARISE Academy, to assist with food there, but after follow-up with the school directly, ARISE Academy indicated they did not want that.

• **Character Counts! – Mike Clark**

- The monthly Advisory Committee meetings resumed this morning after a summer break.

- Kelly Huber is out in the community and recruiting once again . She attended the Peach Festival, QAC Fair, QAC Goes Purple, Centreville Days (coming up in Oct).
 - Kicked off the 2022-2023 School year and this is such a busy time.
 - Past coaches are returning to the schools . Have been attending the Meet and Greets and Back to School nights to recruit new coaches. Over 40 coaches assigned to classes as of September 15th but so many more coaches to train.
 - New Coach Training Classes on the schedule for September 22nd and 28th. 12 new coaches signed up to attend.
 - Conducting a Pilot Program at Stevensville Middle School – Character Counts! is part of an extension program and 3 coaches assigned and doing weekly lessons covering the 7th grade. If goes well, will do same at the other Middle Schools.
 - This is the 6th year in a row that Character Counts! has been voted “Organization the Makes Our Community a Better Place to Live” in the Shore Update’s Golden Anchor Awards.
- **Children’s Council – Jone Taylor**
 - The Children’s Council meets the first Wednesday of the month..
 - Parent’s Place of Maryland presented to the committee at their last meeting.
 - Most of the committee’s meetings stem from the challenges of the Mental Health Summit. Themes were identified. There are further committee breakdowns to discuss those themes and findings.
 - Elected new officers. Eric Johnson, Chairman, Allison Wood, Co-Chair, Dana Barnhart, Treasurer. The position of Secretary is vacant.
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- **Out of School Time Committee – Lauren Scarce**
 - The committee met on June 20, 2022, and reviewed the submitted applications to the RFP.
 - A total of five applications were submitted.
 - The committee will meet in October to monitor the programs.
- **Safety Net Committee – Jone Taylor**
 - This committee meets just before the LMB Board of Directors meeting.
 - Rapping about Prevention will be scheduled again in the spring for all 6th grade students.
 - D.A.R.E. program for all 3rd grade students.
 - Botvin Lifeskills for all 5th and 6th grade students.
 - Looking into Cyberbullying/Social Media assemblies for 7th and 8th grade students.
 - Text 2 Stop It has been phased out. Now using Safe Schools MD.
 - Handle with Care numbers – typically low over the summer. However, one report involving two students were reported over the summer.
 - Christmas Angels is gearing up for this coming holiday season.
 - Family letters were sent out yesterday.
 - It is important to know that families who have younger children in the home with their school age children will also be included in Christmas Angels.

- The Department of Health has Annual Suicide Conference held on October 12th.
- Considering inviting Mobile Crisis to join the committee.

III. Update on Queen Anne's County LMB Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan Kulik Strategic Advisors, Inc. (Tracey Kulik & Marcos Alcorn) along with Strategic Planning Committee Members & Staff

See attached.

V. Announcements and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022, from 11:30-1:00 p.m.

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