

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
October 19, 2022
In-Person with Virtual Option

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

Members Present:

Jessica Denny, Community Member
Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department
Stephen Palmer, Transit Department

Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Sgt. George Sewell, QAC Sheriff's
Department
Jody Simmons, Department of Social
Services
Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Olivia Tryon, Student 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:

Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Ashley Kaiser, Community Member
Patrick Kirk, Community Member
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College (Proxy to
Chairman)

Deyanica Murga, Community Member
(Proxy to Chairman)
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile
Services
Sara Shelley, Community Member
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member

Guests:

Yolanda Acree, CommUNITY Mentoring
Carolyn Blades, Maryland Coalition of Families
Nicole Chase-Powell, Healthy Families
Lindsay Fisher, Achievement Mentoring
Lisa Michaels, LCT and Transportation
Voucher Program
Warren Wright, Drug Free Queen Anne

I. Welcome:

Jody Simmons 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 October 12, 2022. The Executive Committee was updated on the upcoming Board Retreat and approved the agenda for today's meeting. No decisions were made that need the full Board's ratification.

B. Secretary

Jody Simmons, Vice President and Secretary, presented the meeting minutes from September 21, 2022, for approval.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas moved to approve the September 21, 2022, minutes as written. Bobbi Graef 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 Report for September 2022.

****Action:**

Bobbi Graef made a motion to accept the September 2022 Treasurer's Report as written. Matt Evans provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the September 2022 Treasurer's Report with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report:

- The Needs Assessment is almost finalized.
- Staff has begun to work with KSA on the dashboard and the Strategic Planning Committee will be delving in starting in November.
- The Board Retreat is November 17, 2022 at the Kent Island Resort (formerly Kent Manor Inn).
- Karen Finn has agreed to be our retreat facilitator.

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

III. Queen Anne's County Drug Free Coalition Update: Warren Wright (See Attached).

- The program has been going on for 22 years.
- Recreation marijuana is on the ballot in November of whether or not to legalize.
- Anticipating that legalizing recreational marijuana will pass.
- In October, President Biden said no jail time or record for possession of marijuana.
- CBD vaping can be made to give the user a high. These products are unregulated.
- Several shops are poised for legalization of marijuana.
- The program lost an Opioid Grant this year. However, the QAC Commissioners funded hiring a person to continue to coordinate with the schools.

IV. Program Provider Updates: (See Attached)

- Local Care Team – Lisa Michaels
- Transportation Voucher Program – Lisa Michaels
- Healthy Families – Nicole Chase-Powell

- Healthy Families is an evidence-based home visiting program.
 - They make referrals to community resources and provide transportation to doctor's appointment/grocery store.
 - Provide necessary materials for infants.
 - Can meet in-home or in our office.
 - Anyone can refer to the Healthy Families Program.
 - There has been a recent uptick with working with families whose fathers have become incarcerated.
 - Some families are trying to move outside of the county/country. Trying to keep those families here and provide resources.
 - Uptick in domestic violence, substance abuse.
 - Trending good, however.
 - Neighboring counties have been experiencing uptick with family reunification cases.
 - Appreciate support and funding from the LMB.
 - Families' feedback is they would like more group activities.
 - Currently Healthy Families is in an accreditation process until March.
- Family Navigation – Carolyn Blades
 - Achievement Mentoring – Lindsey Fisher
 - CommUNITY Mentoring – Yolanda Fisher

V. Announcements and Adjournment

The Board Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Kent Island Resort (formerly Kent Manor Inn) 8:00-3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. A second was provided. All present voted in favor of ending the meeting.