

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Minutes
June 15, 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
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College

Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
Sara Shelley, Community Member
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Michael Clark, Director
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)

Scott Evans, Community Member
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Olivia Tryon, Student Member
Lauren Kay Weber, Community Member

Guest:

Heather Witt, Kulik Strategic Advisors
Cindy Olah, Department of Social Services
Sarah Fegan, Mid Shore Behavioral Health

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 Monday, June 13, 2022. The Executive Committee discussed and approved the agenda.

The Executive Committee intends to receive and review the recommendations of the Out of School Time Committee's grant recommendations over the summer. If the Executive Committee approves those recommendations, then the full Board will need to ratify those grant decisions at their September meeting.

B. Secretary

Michelle Johnson, Vice President and Secretary, presented the meeting minutes from May 17, 2022, for approval.

****Action:**

Susan Coppage moved to approve the May 17, 2022, minutes as written. Colleen Thomas and Lt. Mark Meil 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 May 2022.

****Action:**

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

D. Director's Report:

Thank you to all board members for your time over this past fiscal year. Thanks also to the committee members and Executive Committee.

We received official notification that the Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) grant request was approved in full. CPS agreement will be funded the way we requested. Received \$55,000.00 in extra funds. More information on the preparation and execution of the Community Partnership Agreement contract will be forthcoming from the State.

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

E. Committee Updates:

- **Backpack Committee – Susan Coppage**
 - The committee recently met.
 - There were discussions on how to spend recent funds.
 - Needs were identified for the migrant program.
 - The committee will support special events and programs over the summer.
 - Next meeting is in September.

- **Character Counts! – Susan Coppage**
 - Not meeting this month or next month.
 - No update.

- **Out of School Time Committee – Lauren Scarce**
 - The RFP has gone out.
 - Waiting on submissions to come back.
 - Results will go out on June 24th.
- **Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans**
 - The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 17th.
 - Planning will begin for the Christmas Angels.
 - Rapping About Prevention and the on-line Anti-bullying event was a success.
- **Strategic Planning Committee – Michelle Johnson and Heather Witt, KSA**
 - See attached.
- **Membership Committee – Mary Ann Thompson**

The Membership Committee met and made a number of new board member recommendations to the Executive Committee for FY 23 and also thanked and acknowledged the departing Board members.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas made a motion to submit the following new candidates to the Queen Anne’s County Commissioners for board membership to the Queen Anne’s County Community Partnerships for Children and Families board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022, ending June 30, 2025.

- Pastor Mark Farnell – Representing the Community
- Ashley Kaiser – Representing the Community
- Patrick Kirk– Representing the Community
- Deyanira Juliet Murga – Representing the Community

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

****Action:**

Michelle Johnson made a motion to submit the following board member to the Queen Anne’s County Commissioners for Board membership for a second three-year term beginning July 1, 2022, ending June 30, 2025.

- Colleen Thomas – Representing the Community

A second was provided by Katie Dille. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

****Action:**

A motion was made by Michelle Johnson to acknowledge and thank Karla Altamirano, Rev. Elmer Davis, Alana Ellis and Michelle Johnson for their efforts on behalf of Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families as they depart the Board of the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families. A second was provided by Matt Evans. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

****Action:**

Michelle Johnson made a motion to appoint the following people to the positions as stated below for one year effective July 1, 2022.

- President: Mary Ann Thompson
- Vice President/Secretary: Susan Coppage
- Treasurer: Kathryn Dilley

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

III. Working with Children Who have Intensive Needs – Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services, Susan Coppage and Cindy Olah, Department of Social Services, Katie Dilley and Sarah Fegan, Mid Shore Behavioral Health.

Department of Juvenile Services:

- New legislation.
- Emphasis now is put on the front-end youth.
- New constraints on how long youth can be put on probation.
- Support the youth by referring to Local Care Team (LCT), Department of Social Services (DSS), Wraparound MD, and Mid Shore Behavioral Health.
- Support child and family through the process.

Department of Social Services

- Provide service to youth who have been maltreated through neglect and abuse.
- Provide Voluntary Placement Agreements – this is used as a last resort.
- Recently there have been an influx of voluntary placement agreements.

Mid Shore Behavioral Health

- Dual role – responsible planning needs around where the gaps in services are and being a part of the case management.
- Current trauma in our youth today is extraordinary.

General Discussion points:

- Youth are becoming ill younger due to trauma and the pandemic.
- Parents are in unsafe situations.
- Emergency petition and mobile crisis are used in crisis situations.
- It is important to get the word out.
- Launch a marketing campaign so families know of resources that are available.
- More information would be helpful on how much money is spent on hospital stays, state and local data, and also what is the literacy level of those kids.

IV. Announcements and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2022, from 11:30-1:00 p.m.