

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
January 18, 2023
In-Person with Virtual Option

Members Present:

Billy Benton, QAC Department of Recreation
Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services
Jessica Denny, Community Member
Kathryn Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Patrick Kirk, Community Member
James Miller, QAC Department of Recreation

Deyanica Murga, Community Member
Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
Sara Shelley, Community Member
Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Michael Clark, Director
Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator
Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist and Office Coordinator III

Member Regrets:

Scott Evans, Community Member
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Ashley Kaiser, Community Member
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College

Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Olivia Tryon, Student Member

Guest:

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, January 9, 2023. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the agenda. No decisions were made that need the full Board's ratification.

B. Secretary

Mary Ann Thompson, President, presented the meeting minutes from November 17, 2022, for approval.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas moved to approve the November 17, 2022 minutes as written. Pastor Mark Farnell 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 November and December 2022 and the Year-End Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2022.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2022 and the Year-End Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2022 as written. Patrick Kirk provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2022 and the Year-End Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2022 with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report:

- Please take a few minutes to review the Bylaws that were included in this month's Board Packet. We will be asking if you have any amendments to the Bylaws at February's Board meeting.
- Leslie Quirion has accepted the position as Character Counts! Coach Specialist. This is a 32-hour a week position and we look forward to introducing her to you all at our next Board meeting.
- Becky Rombro announced her intent to resign. We are working to fill her position and have interviews planned for tomorrow.
- The FY2024 Community Partnership Agreement Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on January 6, 2023. The online submission deadline is March 24, 2023.
- Maryland Connected Devices Program. The County gave us the opportunity to apply for this grant. The Department of Community Services and the LMB applied for 2,000 laptops for families who qualify in Queen Anne's County. We should know soon whether we are awarded this grant.
- Mid-Shore Behavioral Health is arranging a training for providers to be held on May 18, 2023, at Chesapeake College and they asked the Kent and Queen Anne's County LMB to partner on the project. More information to come about this training.

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

E. Committee Updates:

- Backpack Committee – Colleen Thomas
 - The Committee has been very busy this month.

- 507 children have been served.
 - 6,023 bags of food have been distributed.
 - Money donated from the Food Bank is set to run out soon.
 - Currently have approximately 70 community members volunteering for this Committee.
 - The Committee has applied for a grant through Food Lion.
- Character Counts! – Susan Coppage
 - The Character Counts! Advisory Board met this morning.
 - Currently there are 70 coaches and looking to recruit more. The goal is 100 coaches.
 - The Advisory Board is planning an Appreciation Dinner in April.
 - Planning for the Faye Lister Teen of Character Scholarship.
 - A new Character Counts! bumper sticker was designed to show support for our first responders. The sale of these bumper stickers (and possibly magnets) will serve as a fundraiser for Character Counts.
 - Plan to join National Character Counts.
- Children's Council – Jone Taylor (tabled)
- Out of School Time Committee – Lauren Scarce
 - The RFP was announced on January 10, 2023.
 - The Vendors provided an overview of their programs at the last meeting.
 - Each group is hitting a specific niche in our community. The vendors are very diverse.
 - The Boys and Girls Club of Cecil and Harford Counties also presented to the Committee. They would like to have a presence in Queen Anne's County.
 - The Committee plans to meet more frequently with the Vendors.
 - Cult Classic Brewing Company is allowing a youth group to use their space for activities. Would like to learn more about this.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
 - The Safety Net Committee met this morning.
 - School climate data for the State shows that students' relationships with adults is 7.4 while students' relationships with their peers is 3.4. Basically, this data is saying that the students are not getting along with each other.
 - Students are struggling with interactions with each other.
 - Rapping About Prevention - Scheduled on 4/13 & 4/14 - include 6th and 7th
 - Good to have him in the schools.
 - Hoping we can also use him for a community event.
 - The Board of Education has a Wellness Facebook page that is kept current.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Mary Ann Thompson

- The Strategic Planning Committee met on January 11, 2023, and discussed the Maryland Connected Devices Program.
- The Committee is working on developing a dashboard so that we can access real-time information.

III. Review of Work from the Board Retreat – Mike Clark and the Full Board (See Attached)

IV. Additional CPA Funding Follow-up – Fiscal Year 23 and beyond – Matt Evans and Mike Clark

- The balance of unallocated funds for FY23 is \$77,807.00.
- The Board agreed to task the Strategic Planning Committee with how to utilize the unbudgeted funds currently in our budget for fiscal year 2023.
- Matt Evans, QAC Board of Education, would like to request funds for Career Technology Education.
 - **Rachel’s Challenge – A one year subscription for trainings - \$28,000.** Rachel was the first victim of the Columbine Shooting. Rachel’s Challenge addresses the root causes of school violence, bullying, prejudice, and self-harm through social-emotional learning programs that build connection, hope and resilience. 1 year subscription
 - **Social Media Anti-Bullying Training 4/11/2023 and 4/12/2023- \$10,000.** This presentation is for students during school hours and a presentation for the parents in the evening.
 - **Transportation to Career Fair at Chesapeake College on May 23, 2023 - \$1,000.**
 - **Transportation and lunch for 8th Grade Eastern Shore Career Fair at Wicomico Civic Center on March 16, 2023 - \$2,200 total.**
 - The total amount requested by the Board of Education for CTE programs is \$40,200.00.

****Action:**

Pastor Mark Farnell moved to approve \$40,200.00 for the CTE programs in Queen Anne’s County Public Schools. Colleen Thomas provided a second. All present voted in favor with Matt Evans voting in abstention. The motion was carried.

- Ideas for the balance of the unallocated funds:
 - Mattresses.
 - First responders working with at-risk youth.
 - Camp scholarships.
 - 3rd party billing for Healthy Families.
 - The Edge could possibly need more funding.

V. LMB Projects Update:

- **“No Such Thing As a Bad Kid” Workshop**
 - Mid-Shore Behavioral Health arranged a training for providers to be held on May 18, 2023, at Chesapeake College. Kent and Queen Anne’s County LMB were asked to collaborate with them on this project.
 - The trainer will be Charlie Appelstein, author of many books on this topic.
- **Maryland Connected Devices Program**

- The State of Maryland has appropriated \$30 million for the Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) to support the Office of Statewide Broadband (“OSB”) in its efforts to assist in digital equity & inclusion efforts in Maryland.
- They utilized this money to procure 145,000 laptops for Marylanders with limited income.
- Each County had the opportunity to apply to receive a portion of those laptops.
- The County gave this opportunity to Dept. of Community Services and the LMB took the lead. It was determined, based on the parameters given to us, that 2,000 families in QAC could be eligible for computers from the State.
- We have not gotten a response from the State yet.

VI. Announcements and Adjournment

The next LMB Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.