

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
March 15, 2023
In-Person with Virtual Option

Members Present:

Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services
Katie Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Patrick Kirk, Community Member
Lt. Mark Meil, QAC Sheriff's Department
James Miller, QAC Recreation

Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Deyanica Murga, Community Member
Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Mary Ann Thompson, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Lacey Amos, Resource and Development Specialist
Michael Clark, Director
Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator

Member Regrets:

Jessica Denny, Community Member
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Ashley Kaiser, Community Member

Sara Shelley, Community Member
Olivia Tryon, Student Member

Guest:

Peg Anawalt
Cindy Chirumbole, QAC Strategic Planning Committee
David Harper, Chesapeake College Workforce & Academic Programs
Adam Tolley, Queen Anne's County Public Schools

I. Welcome:

Mary Ann Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 13, 2023. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the agenda. No decisions were made that need the full Board's ratification.

B. Secretary

Susan Coppage, Vice President/Secretary, presented the meeting minutes from February 15, 2023, for approval.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas moved to approve the February 15, 2023 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 Report for February 2023, for approval.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2023 as written. Justin Hoyt provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2023 with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report:

- The items and strategies approved by the Board last month for the unallocated FY23 funds have also been approved by Governor's Office.
- As mentioned at last month's meeting, the LMB was tasked on behalf of the County, to apply to the Connected Device Program requesting to receive 2000 computers. On February 27th, we received word that our grant request was approved in full. Staff is currently developing strategies on how best to implement this program. The deadline to complete the distribution of laptops is six month from the day of their arrival or December 31, 2023.

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

- Skateboard Park – James Miller, QAC Recreation
 - Residents of Queen Anne's County started a petition for a new skate park on Kent Island. The petition had over 1,600 signatures.
 - The petition also indicated the most interested age group is 31-49.
 - The time of day most likely to use the skate park would be 3-7:00 p.m.
 - A grant was received from DNR.
 - American Ramp Company will assist in the design and planning of the skate park.
 - Proposed site would be Cox Neck and Route 8.
 - The skate park will have lights and will include roller skating and possibly BMX bikes.
 - The entrance would mostly likely be on Route 8, but it is not definite.

E. Committee Updates:

- Backpack Committee – Scott Evans
 - No updates since last meeting.
- Character Counts! – Susan Coppage
 - The Character Counts! Advisory Board met this morning.
 - The Character Counts! coordinator position is now a full-time, fully funded position through Queen Anne’s County and Mike Clark is in the process of filling that position.
 - Kelly Huber transitioned to a different position within the County.
 - Looking for some spring events for outreach.
 - The Advisory Board is planning a celebration for the coaches on April 20, 2023.
- Children’s Council – Jone Taylor
 - The Council met on March 1, 2023.
 - The Committee reviewed outstanding business and reviewing the entries for Month of the Young Child.
- Out of School Time Committee – Lauren Searce
 - The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.
 - The Committee has a new member.
- Membership Committee – Mary Ann Thompson
 - There are four vacancies on the Board for FY24.
 - Please contact Mike Clark or Lisa Michaels if you know of someone who might be interested.
 - There will be an advertisement announcing the vacancies going out soon.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
 - No meeting this month and no updates.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Mary Ann Thompson
 - The Committee met on February 21, 2023 and discussed the unallocated funds for FY23 and the CPA application.

III. Fiscal Year 2024 Community Partnership Agreement NOFA Update. - Mike Clark

- Peg Anawalt has been contracted to write the LMB grant.
- The programs remain: Achievement Mentoring, Local Care Team, Community Mentoring, Transportation Voucher Program, Family Navigator, Healthy Families, and Community Support.
- Minary’s Dream Alliance will be given an extra \$10,000 for transportation.
- \$30,000.00 will be allocated to a CTE navigator through Minary’s Dream Alliance.
- \$10,000.00 will be allocated for third party billing at Healthy Families.
- Peg is working on the final draft of the CPA now and should be ready for volunteers from Strategic Planning Committee to proofread.
- The application is due on Friday, March 24, 2023.
- Jennifer Stansbury and Lacey Amos have been very helpful to Peg Anawalt by providing program details.

IV. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Activities in Queen Anne’s County.

Chesapeake College Workforce & Academic Programs – David Harper

- There are options aside from a 4-year college after high school. Chesapeake College is hoping to change the narrative.

- Hospitality field has many opportunities.
- There is great growth in the marine, welding, manufacturing, and construction technology fields as well as CDL and transportation.
- Chesapeake College has a business and industry navigator to help link students to internships.
- The college offers many grants and scholarships.
- The college recently received a grant from Rural Economic.
- Skilled trade jobs are the new tech. jobs due to computer chips in machines.
- The Cambridge campus has CDL onsite.
- Hoping the State will provide a new Trade Center.
- The college is assisting those with criminal records to become job ready.
- Maryland blueprint:
 - Give students a choice between 4-year college or trade school.
 - Students will have many trade school options by 2030.

Queen Anne’s County Public Schools, Adam Tolley.

- He has been the CTE supervisor for 6 years now.
- QACPS has a great relationship with Chesapeake College.
- 17 CTE programs based out of Queen Anne’s County High School – agricultural, nursing and EMS programs.
- 7 Kent Island High School and 8 Queen Anne’s County High School are enrolled in EMS training.
- CTE enrollment is the highest it has been in the last six years.
- There are currently more interested students than seats in the CTE programs.
- CTE internships are paid internships.
- QACPS has career counseling in the middle schools.
- The Junior Achievement event has now been expanded to 7th grade students as well as 8th grade students.
- Working on bringing 10th graders to visit Chesapeake College.
- Hoping to start an advanced manufacturing course.
- Chesapeake College can assist disabled students with internships – the Office of Accommodations.
- QACPS partners with DORS.
- Physical space at the college is now a barrier.

VI. Announcements and Adjournment

- Next LMB meeting is April 19, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.
- No Such Thing as A Bad Child Training May 18, 2023, Chesapeake College
- DSS announces that food stamp recipients who had their benefits stolen from their card can now get reimbursed through the State.