

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

**Members Present:**

Susan Coppage, QAC Department of Social Services	1st. Sgt. John Myers, QAC Sheriff's Office
Matt Evans, Board of Education	James Miller, QAC Recreation
Scott Evans, Community Member	Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Joselle Gatrell, Community Member	Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Justin Hoyt, Community Member	Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services Department
Michelle Johnson, Community Member	Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Patrick Kirk, Community Member	Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Lynnette Lamp, Community Member	Alana Van Ornum, Student Member
Gail Lundberg, Community Member	

**Administrative Staff:**

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

**Member Regrets:**

Katie Dille, Mid Shore Behavioral Health	Deyanica Murga, Community Member
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member	Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health	
Margie Houck, County Commissioners	

**Guests:**

Detective Jason Rickard, QAC Sheriff's Office	Lauren Weber, For All Seasons
Detective Sergeant Maria Bassaro	Christy Miranado, For All Seasons
Cindy Olah, Department of Social Services	Eric Johnson, Children's Council and VAMSA
Rebecca Jester, Department of Social Services	Melinda Ray, Character Counts! Coordinator

**I. Welcome:**

Susan Coppage called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**II. LMB Updates & Reports:**

**A. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on October 2, 2023. The Executive Board reviewed today's agenda and did not make decisions that will require full ratification by the Board.

**B. Secretary**

Susan Coppage, Vice President, and Secretary presented the meeting minutes from September 20, 2023, for approval.

**\*\*Action:**

Jone Taylor moved to approve the September 20, 2023 minutes as written. Colleen Thomas provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**C. Treasurer**

Colleen Thomas, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2023, for approval.

**\*\*Action:**

Jone Taylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2023 as written. Scott Evans provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2023 with no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

**D. Director's Report:**

- The complete Director's Report can be found in the Board Packet.
- The Free Laptop Program continues to distribute laptops:
  - Plan to collaborate with QAC Division of Housing.
  - Considering requesting the State to expand distribution into Caroline County.
  - Plan to attend outreach events this fall, specifically the Make a Difference Day (MADD) November 4, 2023.

**E. Committee Updates:**

- Backpack Committee – Scott Evans
  - The committee met on September 20, 2023.
  - The area churches are doing fine with their budget.
  - The COVID money will be ending soon.
  - Two grants were received: \$1,000 from Chesapeake Mom's Club and \$2,500.00 from Food Lion.
  - The committee is considering apply for a grant through Sodexo.
  - The committee is concerned about the rise in food costs.
- Character Counts! – Melinda Ray
  - Classroom grades K-5 all have coaches.
  - The program is reaching 3,200 students.
- Children's Council – Jone Taylor
  - The Council met on October 4, 2023 and at that meeting they had a presentation from Jane Crawford, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
  - Next meeting they will have a presentation from Leanne Rhodes, Tides of Grace.
  - Centreville Day is this weekend.
  - The Family Center is having an open house on October 31, 2023.

- The Mobile Library plans to visit Crumpton Park.
  - The Council also reviewed the Mental Health Summit data (attached).
- Out of School Time Committee (OOST) – Lauren Scearce
  - No update.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
  - During September, all middle schools in Queen Anne's County held presentations on social media safety. The school system is considering inviting the presenter back. His primary message was that social media is an inevitable part of today's world, and we must navigate it intelligently.
  - Alex Boye' delivered four distinct presentations at all high schools, all of which were positively received. These successful sessions have motivated the Board of Education to consider implementing a formal program on suicide prevention.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Lacey Amos
  - Demonstration of the updated Data Dashboard.  
<https://dashboard.communitypartnerships.info>

**III. Veteran and Military Support Alliance (VAMSA) – Eric Johnson, Executive Director Queen Anne’s County Local Management Board Data Dashboard – See attached.**

**IV. QAC Council for Children & Youth (Children’s Council) Update – Eric Johnson, President – See attached.**

**V. Human Trafficking on the Eastern Shore - Detective Jason Rickard and Detective Sergeant Maria Bassaro, QAC Sheriff’s Office; and Cindy Olah, Department of Social Services. Supplemental information provided by For All Seasons – See attached.**

**VI. Preparation for the 2023 Annual Board Planning Retreat – Mike Clark**

Mike Clark will send out material to the Board via email prior to the Retreat.

**VII. Announcements & Adjourn**

The Board Retreat is November 16, 2023, Chesapeake Bay Beach Club.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting all present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.