

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
January 17, 2024
In-Person with Virtual Option

Members Present:

Katie Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health	James Miller, QAC Recreation
Matt Evans, Board of Education	Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Joselle Gatrell, Community Member	Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services Department
Gail Lundberg, Community Member	Jone Taylor, Children's Council
1st. Sgt. John Myers, QAC Sheriff's Office	Colleen Thomas, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Lacey Amos, Resource and Development Specialist	Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist
Michael Clark, Director	

Member Regrets:

Susan Coppage, QAC Department of Social Services	Justin Hoyt, Community Member
Scott Evans, Community Member	Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member	Patrick Kirk, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health	Lynnette Lamp, Community Member
Margie Houck, County Commissioners	Deyanica Murga, Community Member
	Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
	Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
	Alana Van Ornum, Student Member

Guests:

Carolyn Blades, Maryland Coalition of Families	Melinda Ray, Character Counts! Coordinator
Nicole Chase-Powell, Healthy Families	
Tywanda Griffin, Healthy Families	
Keya Johnson, Community Mentoring	
Chelsea Seals, Community Mentoring	
Doncella Wilson, Community Mentoring	
Lindsay Fisher, Achievement Mentoring	

I. Welcome:

Katie Dilley called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on January 9, 2024. The Executive Board reviewed today's agenda and did not make decisions that will require full ratification by the Board.

B. Secretary

Katie Dilley, President, presented the October 18, 2023 minutes and the Retreat meeting minutes from November 16, 2023, for approval.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor moved to approve the October 18, 2023 and November 16, 2023 minutes as written. Gail Lundberg 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 Reports for November and December 2023, for approval.

****Action:**

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

D. Director's Report. See full report in the board packet.

- The June board meeting is rescheduled to June 12, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., due to the holiday.
 - Bylaws Approval
 - Staff is working on edits to the bylaws.
 - The bylaws with edits will be forwarded to the board for their review and will be voted upon at the February meeting.
 - Update Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports
 - Substantial amount of movement since June.
 - 2 large requests for proposals.
 - A review panel has been organized to review the applications.
 - 1st round was released in August –Spokes.
 - Funding to add health services in public schools only.
 - Seven applications, that were endorsed by QACPS, were submitted for QAC, requesting \$10.8 million.
 - 260 applications received state-wide, requesting \$360 million.
 - Only \$120 million state-wide earmarked for Spokes.
 - A lot of work to scale back what they are supporting.
 - The following partners have been recommended to be advanced for further consideration:
 - Hazel Health
 - Choptank Community
 - Striving for Wellness
 - Chesapeake Bay Psychological
 - The midshore counties as a whole:
 - 25 applications submitted, totaling \$29.4 million.
 - Out of those 25 applications, 13 applications were advanced for further consideration totaling \$5.6 million.
 - Approximately \$24 million that was not supported.

- Working to propose a regional pilot Hub structure for all five midshore counties.
- At this point MSBH submitted an application to represent 4 of the 5 counties as a Hub. Caroline County is not participating in the Hub program.
- Providing incentives to join the Hub.

E. Committee Updates:

- Backpack Committee – Colleen Thomas
 - Vince Radosta sent out letters to service organizations.
 - Ready to get back to work after the break.
- Character Counts! – Melinda Ray
 - 156 coaches in grades K-5.
 - 7 pre-k classes.
 - 3 middle schools by next week.
 - 39 businesses of character.
 - 2 Teen of Character scholarships now available – Faye Lister Teen of Character and the Chris Perkins Teen of Character available for both QACHS and Kent Island High School.
- Children’s Council – Jone Taylor
 - The Council met on January 3, 2024 and had a guest speaker, Dr. Patricia W. Saelens.
 - She spoke about the challenges that are going on in the schools currently.
 - Plans to meet with Eric Johnson regarding the Summit Project.
 - \$4,500 in the account earmarked for community projects.
 - The council is discussing plans for this year’s Christmas in April program.
 - Jacki Carter Award applications are out in the schools.
- Out of School Time Committee (OOST) – Lauren Scearce
 - The committee will be meeting in the next few months.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
 - The committee met this morning and also back in December.
 - Christmas Angels (Linda Austin) served 1,400 students this past year.
 - Very proud of that.
 - Each year seems to get smothered.
 - Working on the scorecard and hope to roll that out in February.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Mike Clark
 - Please refer to Lacey Amos’ presentation.

III. Coming Soon! In Review

- Data Dashboard
 - Data Dashboard is near completion.
 - Receiving data from agencies.
 - Anticipate going live in February.

- A resource section will be added to the dashboard.
- Strategic Planning Follow Up – See attached LMB Roadmap and Key Elements.
- Community Partnership Agreement
 - The CPA is due on March 22, 2024.
 - Staff will keep the board updated on the progress.
 - The Strategic Planning Committee will be assisting with the CPA submission.

IV. Program Provider Update – See attached.

- Healthy Families – Nicole Chase Powell.
- Family Navigation – Carolyn Blades
- Achievement Mentoring – Lindsay Fisher
- CommUNITY Mentoring – Keya Johnson, Chelsea Seals and Doncella Wilson

V. Announcements & Adjourn

- The Free Laptop program has been extended to June 2024.
- A request was submitted to and was approved by the State to extend into surrounding counties that do not have the Free Laptop Program.
- A request was also submitted for a waiver for multi households, which was denied.
- Outreach events are being scheduled.
- Approximately 1,000 laptops have been distributed.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

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