

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
February 21, 2024
In-Person with Virtual Option

Members Present:

Katie Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Susan Coppage, QAC Department of Social Services
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Joselle Gatrell, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Gail Lundberg, Community Member

Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Deyanica Murga, Community Member
1st. Sgt. John Myers, QAC Sheriff's Office
Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services Department
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Alana Van Ornum, Student Member

Administrative Staff:

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

Member Regrets:

Scott Evans, Community Member
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Justin Hoyt, Community Member

Patrick Kirk, Community Member
Lynnette Lamp, Community Member
James Miller, QAC Recreation
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Jone Taylor, Children's Council

Guest:

Melinda Ray, Character Counts! Coordinator

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 February 5, 2024. 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 January 17, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas moved to approve the January 17, 2024 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 Report for January 2024, for approval.

****Action:**

Michelle Johnson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2024 as written. Lauren Scarce provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2024 with no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

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

- The Board was requested to review and make any revisions to the Community Partnerships for Children and Families' (Local Management Board) Bylaws. The Bylaws were provided to the Board members prior to the February meeting.

****Action:**

Joselle Gatrell made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families Bylaws, as outlined in the document shared with the board on February 12th, 2024. Susan Coppage provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

- It is that time of year where we submit our 2025 Community Partnership Agreement application. To ensure the timely handling of the application, considering the board's monthly meeting schedule, a strategy has been devised. Each year, a motion is made to authorize the Strategic Planning Committee, along with the Executive Committee, to endorse the CPA application for submission to the Governor's Office for Children.

****Action:**

Susan Coppage made a motion to empower the Strategic Planning Committee, in collaboration with the Executive Committee, to undertake all necessary actions to prepare, finalize, and submit the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Partnership Application on behalf of the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board. Lauren Scarce provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

- The new Secretary is focusing on ending child poverty in Maryland with LMBs as key implementers.
- The Enough Act provides grants for development, implementation, and planning to eligible communities, emphasizing partnerships with local organizations and government entities.
- Enough Act has money that could be used by LMBs to coordinate work for other state-wide Acts.

E. Committee Updates:

- Backpack Committee – Colleen Thomas
 - The Backpack Committee met in January.
 - 2,660 weekend meals were distributed.
 - 65 volunteers, 296 volunteer hours.
 - The Committee is currently soliciting service organizations for funding.
 - Applied for a grant through Food Lion.
 - The Backpack Committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee, especially in the summer months.
 - Also looking for volunteers during the summer months for family nights in Sudlersville.
- Character Counts! – Melinda Ray
 - Character Counts! has designed a partnership with QAC Parks & Recreation to bring sportsmanship to spectators at events.
 - 107 volunteers.
 - 155 coaches in grades K-5.
 - 8 pre-K classes.
 - Character Counts! has a presence in 3 middle schools and will be adding a 4th next school year.
 - Developed a school staff recognition program and received 98 nominations from staff members.
 - Volunteer Appreciation dinner is planned for April 18, 2024.
 - Looking to attend outreach events in the north county.
- Children’s Council – Melinda Ray
 - Continue to accept applications for the Jacki Carter Young People Who Care Award.
 - The Committee is compiling events to be included on their Month of the Young Child calendar.
 - The Children’s Council is holding their annual poster contest.
 - The Council is working on their performance measures.
 - Currently looking for presenters for the Children Council monthly meetings.
- Out of School Time Committee (OOST) – Lauren Scarce
 - The OOST Committee is currently seeking new members.
 - The Committee plans to meet in April to finalize the new RFP and send out by June 1, 2024.
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- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
 - The Safety Net Committee met prior to this meeting.

- Lacey Amos presented the committee's performance measures.
- Jeff Schulz plans to complete the Ending the Silence program with students.
- Raping About Prevention assemblies will take place in April for 6th-8th graders.
- An iPossible assembly is scheduled for Centreville Middle School on April 30, 2024.
- Meeting with 4 behavioral health providers in our area to expand services for students for the rest of this year and all through next year.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Mike Clark
 - See attached.

III. Data Dashboard – Let's Begin! Lacey Amos

- The Data Dashboard can be found at <https://dashboard.communitypartnerships.info/>
- Resource Page and Email Us have been added to the dashboard.

IV. Retreat Follow Up & Strategic Planning – The Next Step – Mike Clark.

- Break out groups.
- Where do we want to go next?
- What do we want to prioritize to bring additional resources and services to the community?
- See attached.

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.