

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
May 15, 2024
In-Person with Virtual Option

Members Present:

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

Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
1st/Sgt. John Meyers, QAC Sheriff's Office
Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
Jone Taylor, Children's Council
Colleen Thomas, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Lacey Amos, LMB Administrator
Michael Clark, Executive 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

Lynnette Lamp, Community Member
Deyanica Murga, Community Member
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Alana Van Ornum, Student Member

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 May 9, 2024. The Executive Committee reviewed today's agenda and did make a decision that will require full ratification by the Board.

B. Secretary

Susan Coppage, Vice President, and Secretary presented the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor made a motion to approve the April 17, 2024 minutes as written. A second was provided by Colleen Thomas. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer

Colleen Thomas, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2024, for approval.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2024 as written. Gail Lundberg provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2024 with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report. See attached.

- Mike Clark was appointed as Executive Director of Housing and Family Services. Mike will gradually step back from the day-to-day LMB responsibilities, and I will assume those roles as the newly appointed LMB Administrator. This transition will begin fully at the June meeting.
- The full Director's Report can be found in the Board Packet.

E. Committee Updates:

- Backpack Committee – Colleen Thomas
 - The committee plans to meet next week.
 - The committee will provide updates at the next Board meeting.
- Character Counts! – Melinda Ray
 - Wrapping up the school year.
 - Presenting Teen of Character Scholarships to both Queen Anne's County High School and Kent Island High School.
 - Volunteers will be field day events at every elementary school.
 - Continuing coach recruiting for next year.
 - Met with Wye River Upper School regarding expanding Character Counts! program in their school.
 - Surveys were sent to teachers and staff. Those surveys are still coming in. This data will be provided at the next Board meeting.
 - Students were also surveyed and to date 364 surveys were collected from 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Below is the data from those surveys:
 - 90% believe their schools are emphasizing the Character Counts! pillars.
 - 82% enjoyed their Character Counts! lessons.
 - 86% believe their Character Counts! coach is interesting and fun.
 - 74% believe that Character Counts! positively impacted their classroom.

- Children's Council – Jone Taylor
 - The Council met on May 1, 2024.
 - Guest speaker was Joe Saboury, Coordinator of School Safety and Security for Queen Anne's County Public Schools.
 - There are incidents that happen within the schools that are not able to be made public.
 - Month of the Young Child was successful.
 - Next meeting is June 12, 2024. No meeting in July or August.
- Out of School Time Committee (OOST) – Lauren Scarce
 - More discussion regarding Out of School Time will occur later in this meeting.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
 - The Safety Net Committee met today and is the last meeting until August.
 - i.Possible assembly took place at Centreville Middle School. Plan to have this assembly at the remaining middle schools next year.
 - Jeff Schulz is planning an Out of the Darkness walk on September 21st.
 - Planning CSTAG Comprehensive School Threat Assessment training for staff next year. Also includes suicide prevention.
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Strategic Planning Committee – Michelle Johnson

- The Strategic Planning committee met on May 8, 2024.
- The NOVA was submitted. Only a few updates to the budget were required.
- Possible funding increase for the LCT.
- Membership Committee – Susan Coppage
 - The committee met yesterday and discussed two board member applications received through the County website.
 - There are 3 vacancies on the Board for FY25.
 - The committee is scheduled to meet prior to the next Board meeting and hope to finalize the candidates by that time.

III. Queen Anne County Community Updates – Lacey Amos. See attached.

- FY 25 Community Partnership Agreement/NOFA Update.
- Enough Act.
 - Root cause of poverty definition has not yet been defined by the State.
 - Focus strictly on percentage of poverty and engagement of community schools.
 - The State will determine what areas in Maryland will be eligible for this funding.
 - An application will be submitted specifically for this funding.
- Out of School Time – PFY/The Edge Funding for FY25.
 - The Edge will incur the expense of facilities fees, which was not expected.
 - The committee recommends the entire Out of School Time funding be awarded to the Edge for the Partnering for Youth Program for one year only.

- Next year the entire after school program will be put out to bid in the form of an RFP.
- The committee requested the Edge provide more performance reporting and also that the OOST committee be represented on the steering committee throughout the year.
- There are continued discussions regarding adding an educational piece to the out of school program.
- The Edge plans to work with Chesapeake Charities for additional fundings.

****Action:**

Jone Taylor made a motion to ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee which was to accept the recommendation of the Out of School Time Committee to proceed with awarding the Edge Academy the total of the Out of School funds available in the amount of \$200.00 to manage the Partnering for Youth Out of School Time Program in fiscal year 2025. Michelle Johnson provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the motion with the exception of Matt Evans voting in abstentia. The motion was carried.

- **General Discussion:**

- Cannabis Proceeds.
 - Each County passes their own legislation based on key priorities developed by the community.
 - A plan was put together and submitted to Town Administrator.
 - Will follow-up on the status and give the Board an update at the next Board meeting.

IV. Announcement/Adjournment

- Laptop Programs
 - Less than 800 laptops remain.
 - Caroline County programs are going well.
 - The May calendar of events is available.
 - www.QACFreeLaptop.com
- Next Meeting – June 12, 2024, Queen Anne’s County Commissioner’s

Colleen Thomas a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gail Lundberg provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.