

**Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
May 21, 2025**

Members Present:

Susan Coppage, QAC Department of Social Services
Karen Eader, QAC Recreation
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Deanna Lewis, Community Member
Gail Lundberg, Community Member
1st/Sgt. John Meyers, QAC Sheriff's Office
James Miller, QAC Recreation

Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Deyanica Murga, Community Member
Stephen Palmer, QAC County Ride
Janet Salazar, Community Member
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
Colleen Thomas, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Brian Barnshaw, Resource Development Specialist
Mike Clark, Executive Director of Housing and Family Services

Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator
Melinda Ray, Character Counts Coordinator
Jennifer Stansbury, Fiscal Administrator

Member Regrets:

Katie Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Joselle Gatrell, Community Member

Stephanie Jarrell, County Commissioners
Michael McGrew, Community Member
Michael Murphy, Community Member
Brice Strang, QAC Health Department
Alana Van Ornum, Student Member

Guests:

Nicole Bontrager, Hole in the Wall Gang
James Miller, Elizabeth Pierson and Karen Easter – QAC Recreation Summer Camps

I. Welcome:

Colleen Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Monday, May 19, 2025 and discussed current projects and programs. The Executive Committee reviewed today's agenda and no decisions were made that will require ratification by the Board.

B. Secretary

Colleen Thomas, LMB Treasurer, presented the April 16, 2025 meeting minutes for approval.

****Action:**

Michelle Johnson made a motion to approve the April 16, 2025 minutes as written. A second was provided by Gail Lundberg. All present voted in favor with no abstentions.

C. Treasurer

Colleen Thomas, LMB Board Treasurer, presented the April 2025 Treasurer's Report.

****Action:**

Janet Salazar made a motion to accept the April 2025 Treasurer's Report as written. A second was provided by James Miller. All present voted in favor with no abstentions.

D. Director's Report. See Board Packet.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore:

- Queen Anne's County awarded \$50,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore through the Ad Hoc Funding portion of our Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF) Program.
- However, our FY26 Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund (CCIF) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) submission did not include BBBS – we already support a mentoring program, Minary's Dream Alliance, through CCIF, and we structured our submission to protect that existing investment.
- The BBBS program had not gone through our local prioritization process, which we use to guide new program decisions.
- Recently, the state worked out an agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide match funding, but only if Local Management Boards across the state list BBBS as a strategy in their Community Partnership Agreements (CPA).
- QAC LMB does not believe it is appropriate to unilaterally add a new program to our CPA based on a state-level request that did not emerge from our local process.
- Additionally, including BBBS in our CPA could result in funding reductions for one of our existing priority programs.

III. Committee Reports:

Backpack Committee – Gail Lundberg

- Summer school will take place at Sudlersville Elementary School.
- The Maryland Food Bank has a new minimum weight for food deliveries.
- The committee requested \$50,000 from the Queen Anne's County Commissioners.
- The committee submitted a \$5,000 grant application which is still pending.

Character Counts! – Mindy Ray

- Spring break book challenge was a success.
- Volunteer appreciation dinner event at the Hyatt.
- College scholarships will be awarded next month.
- Character Counts! will be at 6 field days at cooling stations.
- Student and teacher surveys were distributed.

Children's Council – Mindy Ray

- Concluded month of the young child poster contest.
- Hosted a holiday party in April.

Out of School Time Committee – Lauren Searce

- The RFPs go out in June.

IV. Local Management Board Website Update: Brian Barnshaw. See Attached.**V. Camp Discussion – See attached.**

- **Hole in the Wall Gang – Nicole Bontrager, Camp Director**
- **QAC Parks & Recreation – James Miller, Recreation Director**

VI. Announcements & Adjourn

- The next LMB Board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2025.

Janet Salazar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Coppage provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions