

**Queen Anne's County**  
**Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Minutes**  
**June 12, 2024**  
In-Person with Virtual Option

**Members Present:**

Billy Benton, QAC Recreation  
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health  
Justin Hoyt, Community Member  
Gail Lundberg, Community Member  
1st/Sgt. John Meyers, QAC Sheriff's Office

Stephen Palmer, Transit Department  
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile  
Services  
Colleen Thomas, Community Member  
Alana Van Ornum, Student Member

**Administrative Staff:**

Lacey Amos, LMB Administrator  
Brian Barnshaw, Resource Development  
Specialist  
Michael Clark, Executive Director

Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator  
Jennifer Stansbury, Fiscal Administrator

**Member Regrets:**

Susan Coppage, QAC Department of Social  
Services  
Katie Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health  
Matt Evans, Board of Education  
Scott Evans, Community Member  
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member  
Joselle Gatrell, Community Member  
Margie Houck, County Commissioners

Michelle Johnson, Community Member  
Patrick Kirk, Community Member  
Lynnette Lamp, Community Member  
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College  
Deyanica Murga, Community Member  
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member  
Jone Taylor, Children's Council

**Guest:**

Melinda Ray, Character Counts! Coordinator

**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 June 3, 2024. The Executive Committee reviewed today's agenda and no decisions were made that will require full ratification by the Board.

**B. Secretary**

Lacey Amos, LMB Administrator, presented the May 15, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.

**\*\*Action:**

Colleen Thomas made a motion to approve the May 15, 2024 minutes as written. A second was provided by Gail Lundberg. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**C. Treasurer**

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

**\*\*Action:**

Lauren Searce made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2024 as written. Alana Van Ornum provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2024 with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**D. Director's Report. See attached.**

- Welcome Brian Barnshaw. Brian is the Resource Development Specialist for the Department of Community Services.
- The complete Director's Report can be found in the Board Packet.

**E. Committee Updates:**

- Backpack Committee – Colleen Thomas
  - The program plans to support 4 summer school programs – 330 students.
  - The program will also support the Migrant Program – 80 students.
  - The program is funded by donations and grants through the Advocacy Fund.
  - Received a Food Lion grant of \$1,900.00.
  - The committee is hopeful that the QAC Commissioner will approve \$50,000 for next fiscal year.
- Character Counts! – Melinda Ray
  - Attended field day events at all eight elementary schools.
  - Attended the Senior Summit.
  - Attended both high schools' award ceremonies.
  - Character Counts! will be active in Sudlersville Middle School next school year, as well as Wye River Upper School and ARISE Academy.
  - Collaborating with after school programming for possible Character Counts! sessions.
  - Surveys were sent out to teachers, parents, and students. The data collected indicates a majority believe Character Counts! makes a positive impact in schools.
- Children's Council – Melinda Ray

- The Council voted to donate \$500.00 to Tides of Grace for their backpack program.
- Out of School Time Committee (OOST) – Lauren Searce
  - More discussion regarding Out of School Time will occur later in this meeting.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
  - Safety Net Committee will resume their meetings in September.
- Membership Committee – Lacey Amos
  - Patrick Kirk resigned from the Board.
  - The Board now has four vacancies.
  - The Membership Committee received 4 applications (included in the Board Packet).
    - Deanna Lewis
    - Michael McGrew
    - Michael Murphy
    - Janet Salazar

**\*\*Action**

Colleen Thomas made a motion to submit the following new candidates to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners for Board membership to the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2024, ending June 30, 2027.

- Deanna Lewis – Representing the Community
- Michael McGrew – Representing the Community
- Michael Murphy – Representing the Community
- Janet Salazar – Representing the Community

Gail Lundberg provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**\*Action**

Colleen Thomas moved to acknowledge and thank Justin Hoyt, Patrick Kirk, Lynnette Lamp, and Cameron Ronayne for their efforts on behalf of Queen Anne's County children and families as they depart the Board of the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families.

Gail Lundberg provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion carried.

**\*Action**

Lauren Searce moved to appoint the following people to the positions as stated below for a one-year term effective July 1, 2024.

- President: Kathryn Dilley
- Vice President/Secretary: Susan Coppage
- Treasurer: Colleen Thomas

Alana Van Ornum provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion carried.

### **III. Queen Anne County Community Updates – Lacey Amos.**

- **Out of School Time – PFY/The Edge Funding for FY25.**
  - The Edge was awarded \$200,000 to manage the Partnering for Youth Out of School Time programs.
    - Payment Process and Timeline – July 1, 2024 the funding will begin, and those funds will be released the beginning of each quarter.
    - Academic Support – The academic piece will not be supported this fiscal year. However, Character Counts! will be utilized at the elementary school level.
    - The Steering Committee will meet with the Edge and Four Point Education in September, January, and May. There will be two additional mid-sessions meetings.
- **Committee Reinvestment and Repair Fund**
  - Maryland counties have received funds as part of cannabis revenue distribution.
  - QAC Economic & Tourism Development and the Local Management Board and working together for next steps.
    - The QAC Minority Entrepreneurship Training Accelerator (META) Program.
    - After school program.
    - Homelessness prevention.
- **Community Partnership Agreement**
  - QAC Local Management was awarded \$436,234 for fiscal year 2025. This includes the \$422,359 originally requested plus an additional \$13,875.00 in supplemental funds.
  - The Strategic Planning Committee's recommendation is that we allocate the supplemental funds to the following opportunities:
    - Achievement Mentoring - \$8,005.00 – mentor's salary and travel expenses.
    - Functional Family Therapy - \$5,870.00 towards Vision Quest referrals for Functional Family Therapy through the QAC Local Care Team.

#### **\*\*Action**

Colleen Thomas made a motion that the following allocations recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee for the Local Management Board's FY25 CPA award be approved and submitted to the Governor's Office for implementation: Achievement Mentoring: \$8,005.00 and Functional Family Therapy: \$5,870.00.

Lauren Searce provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion carried.

### **IV. LMB Plaque Presentation – Mike Clark.**

### **V. Announcements & Adjourn**

- Possible new lead agency for the Family Centers.
- Connected Devices program continues with outreach events throughout June.
- Next Meeting – September 18, 2024 Queen Anne's County Commissioner's meeting room.