

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
September 18, 2024
In-Person with Virtual Option

Members Present:

Dana Barnhart, Children's Council
Susan Coppage, QAC Department of Social Services
Katie Dilley, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Joselle Gatrell, Community Member
Stephanie Jarrell, County Commissioners
Gail Lundberg, Community Member
Michael McGrew, Community Member
1st/Sgt. John Meyers, QAC Sheriff's Office

James Miller, QAC Recreation
Michael Murphy, Community Member
Deanna Lewis, Community Member
Janet Salazar, Community Member
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

Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator
Jennifer Stansbury, Fiscal Administrator

Member Regrets:

Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College

Deyanica Murga, Community Member
Stephen Palmer, Transit Department

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 September 3, 2024. The Executive Committee reviewed today's agenda and made decisions that will require ratification by the Board.

B. Secretary

Katie Dilley, President, presented the June 12, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.

****Action:**

Colleen Thomas made a motion to approve the June 12, 2024 minutes as written. A second was provided by Matt Evans. All present voted in favor with abstentions from Dana Barnhart, Michael McGrew, Michael Murphy, Janet Salazar and Deanna Lewis, the new FY25 Board Members.

C. Treasurer

Treasurer's Reports were tabled to next month's board meeting.

D. Director's Report. See Board Packet.

- The new board members completed their orientation over the summer.
- Board meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the County Commissioner's meeting room until further notice.
- Our Board Retreat is November 21, 2024.
- There are no board meetings in November 2024, December 2024, July 2025 or August 2025.
- The complete Director's Report can be found in the Board Packet.

E. Committee Updates:

- Backpack Committee – Scott Evans
 - Final numbers from 2023/2024 school year:
 - 23,569 bags were distributed.
 - 885 bags for the summer session.
 - Vince Radosta has done a great job obtaining outside grants for the Back Pack Program.
 - Received a Food Lion grant of \$1,900.00 and a \$1,270.00 grant from the Mom's Club.
- Character Counts! – Melinda Ray
 - Starting the new school year strong.
 - All new coaches will be trained and starting their lessons in the schools soon.
 - All classrooms are assigned coaches K-5th grade.
 - Working on incorporating Character Courts! in the middle schools.
 - Trained 60 new volunteers this year.
 - Ambassadors in all schools this year.
- Children's Council – Dana Barnhart
 - First meeting last week.
 - Joe Saboury facilitated an Active Shooter training.
- Out of School Time Committee (OOST) – Lauren Searce

- The Edge and PFY have been working very hard all summer to get the PFY program into the schools for this upcoming school year.
- The Steering Committee is scheduled to have their first meeting on Monday.
- Most of programmatic concerns have been addressed.
- The program is headed in the right direction.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
 - The Safety Net Committee met this morning.
 - Presentations on vaping prevention in health classes this year through a grant from the Health Department.
 - Suicide Prevention for Students Program for the 8th and 10th grade students through a QAC Mental Health Committee grant.
 - Christmas Angels are working and preparing for the upcoming holiday season.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Lacey Amos
 - Information will be provided later in the Queen Anne’s County Community Updates portion of today’s meeting.
- Membership Committee – Susan Copping
 - The Membership Committee needs 2 additional volunteers to join the committee.

III. Queen Anne County Community Updates – Lacey Amos.

- **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.
 - We looked into Functional Family Therapy for the remaining \$5,870.00, however, we do not have sufficient funds to move forward with FFT. At the recommendation of our program providers and Strategic Planning Committee, a modification was submitted allocating \$5,870.00 toward the Mattress Program. The additional funds will be used to purchase beds, bed frames, and bedding for at least 10 individuals in Queen Anne’s County who are referred by the Division of Housing and/or the Local Care Team as clients in need.

****Action**

Matt Evans made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee’s decision to allocate the supplemental funds of \$13,875.00 awarded by through the Governor’s Office for Children, to support Achievement Mentoring and the Mattress Program for FY 25. Lauren Searce provided a second. All present voted in favor with no absents.

- **Out of School Time – PFY/The Edge Funding for FY25.**

- The Out of School Time Committee met over the summer with The Edge and FourPoint Education to finalize plans for Partnering for Youth (PFY).
- The first Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday.
- The Steering Committee consists of members from the Out of School Time Committee, QAC School leadership and the Boys & Girls Club.
- The MOU was finalized and signed by all participating parties.
- September 30th kicks off the first session.
- **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.
 - Miscellaneous category for those who did not qualify for the above three categories.
 - The County Ordinance has been developed which will be reviewed and voted on by the QAC Commissioners at the next commissioners meeting taking place on September 23, 2024. Once approved it will take approximately 45 days for the Ordinance to become law.
 - The LMB will develop processes for the new revenue fund.
 - The estimated amount of new revenue is \$289,000.00.
- **ENOUGH Act**
 - Queen Anne's County and many counties on the eastern shore did not qualify for the competitive piece of the Act because QAC does not have child poverty rate of 80%. We do have a Community School, but we do not have 80% child poverty rate.
 - Sudlersville Elementary school is a community school and next year possibly Sudlersville Middle and Grasonville Elementary will also be classified as community schools.
 - A community school must have 55% or more free or reduce lunches.
 - Community schools receive \$250,000 additional funds for higher staff positions such as a community school coordinator, a full time RN, after an after school activities RN.
 - This year some of the additional community school funding will be allocated for a needs assessment.
 - Next year the needs assessment will be implemented.
 - Per pupil funding \$5-10,000 per student.
 - Through additional funding from a Choptank Health grant, Wellness Centers are housed at Sudlersville Elementary, Sudlersville Middle, Church Hill Elementary and Grasonville Elementary Schools. Any student and parent of students in Queen Anne's County can schedule wellness appointments, immunizations, etc. including receiving prescriptions with the Nurse Practitioner.

- The Governor's Office for Children received a request in early August from the Maryland Association of LMBs to extend the submission deadline for the FY 25 ENOUGH LMB Capacity Building Grant. The office extended the submission deadline to November 1, 2024 to support the additional time and planning needed to effectively coordinate community convenings and complete local approval/decision-making processes. Possibly use funding for a Needs Assessment focusing on poverty in our community and capacity building for our program providers.
- On September 10, 2024, the GOC announced the Notice of Funding Opportunity for ENOUGH ACTIVITIES which stands for Accelerating Capacity, Tools, Infrastructure, Voice, Accountability, Training and Engagement. Preference will be given to applicants with a history of working in Maryland communities, particularly Maryland-based applicants. There will be two rounds of funding/
 - Round 1 Applications are due October 10, 2024 with awardees notified by November 4, 2024.
 - Round 2 Applications are due January 23, 2025 with awardees notified by February 28, 2025.
- **QAC Family Center**
 - The QAC LMB was notified by the Director of The Family Center that FY25 would be the last year the center is sponsored by QAC Public Schools due to budget matters.
 - Discussions have been ongoing to find a new sponsoring agency.
 - Family Network is responsible for finding a new sponsoring agency.
 - The Family Center provides early childhood development services, and its continuation is essential for supporting both local families and educational initiatives.
 - A meeting has been scheduled with Dr. Patricia Saelens and other QACPS leadership on September 17, 2024 to better understand their decision and discuss possible paths forward to ensure the Center's continued success.
 - The RFP for the new sponsoring agency will be posted in October, and a follow-up meeting with Dr. Saelens and leadership team in February.
 - The LMB would like to ensure that the RFP is for a Family Center in Queen Anne's County.

IV. Announcements & Adjourn

- Board Retreat – November 21, 2024 – Chesapeake Bay Beach Club.
- Connected Devices program continues with approximately 200 laptops remaining.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024.