

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2008

Drafted: March 18, 2008

Those present for the Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board Meeting:

Members Present:

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College	Ralph Marketto, Q.A. Co. Board of Education
Jeff Anthony, Community Member	Phyllis Naujokas, Q.A. Co. Department of Health
Rebecca Clark, Community Member	Joe Newell, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems
William Duffy, Community Member	GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member
Sharon Ellis, Q.A. Co. Parks & Recreation	Patricia Scott, Community Member
Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners	Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member
Virginia Ingling/Cathy Dougherty, Q.A. Co. Department of Social Services	Roseann Squire, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member	Paul Stearns, Community Member
Lynn Lang, Community Member	Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services
James Malaro, Community Member	

Administrative Staff:

Michael R. Clark, Director	Mary Ann Gleason, Family Network Specialist
Cindi Bauer, Office Manager	Jennifer Stansbury, Operation Specialist

Member Regrets:

Gery Hofmann, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Department	Geri Thompson, The Judy Center Partnership
Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member	Mary Walker, Community Member
Walter Pauls, Community Member	GG Weisenfeld, Community Member
Emily Smith, Q.A. Co. Student Representative	

Guest:

Alison Vooris, Behavior Specialist at Sudlersville Middle School
Linda Kohler, Chief Financial Officer for the Foundation for Community Partnerships, Inc.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Paul Stearns, Board President, called the meeting to order at 11:35a.m.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on March 5, 2008 to receive updates and approve the agenda for the March Community Partnerships Board meeting. They also discussed the format for the Annual nightly meeting in April. The Ex. Committee made no formal actions on behalf of the board.

B. Secretary's Report

Michelle Johnson presented the minutes for the February 20, 2008 board meeting.

Motion:

Joe Newell made a motion to approve the February 2008 minutes as presented and Phyllis Naujokas provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer's Report

Paul Stearns presented the treasurer's report for February 2008 on behalf of the Treasurer GG Weisenfeld-who was out of town.

D. Character Counts!

- Jacki Carter, Character Counts Coordinator, gave the board an update on Character Counts!
- Coaches will start in the alternative school on March 25, 2008, weekly up to 30 minute sessions.
- Ms. Carter has been discussing the PBIS program with CES, KES, GES, STMS, MMS, SMS, KIHS, these schools are implementing the program in this county. The PBIS program uses the pillars in an effective collaboration with rules/expectations, forms and incentives.
- Character Counts! was awarded \$2000.00 through Choptank Electric's Round-Up Program to use towards the coach recognition dinner gifts, 4-H Fair giveaways, and resource materials for coaches.
- Kennard Elementary School coach Steve Scott along with QACTV staff created a Character Counts! Showdown with commercials for QACTV7.
- March 26, 2008 Laws of Life Essay Contest winners from our schools are Robert Schurr, Jessica Crew, Anthony Rivera, and Stanley Aaron Young.
- Queen Anne's Co. made a great impression on the workshop participants at the guidance counselors' conference in February.

E. Foundation

Mike Clark, Director, gave the board an update on the Foundation. The Foundation's annual board meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2008 at 5:30p.m. Frank Kratovil, the current Chairman of the Foundation's board, will be ending his term and Mr. Rick Learner has been nominated to the position.

F. Membership

The membership committee has been working on contacting the board members to confirm their position on the board. Although a couple of board members have not confirmed their positions it appears that the board will only have to fill one or two positions for fiscal year 09.

G. Director's Report

Mr. Michael Clark, Partnership Director, gave an overview of the director's report. The county budget is complete so Mike will be contacting Bill Duffy and James Malaro to go over the State Budget. A representative from the County Finance department will meet first with the Executive committee on April 9, 2008 to review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports. The full board will receive a copy of the CAFR and receive a summary from the Treasurer at the next meeting. Mr. Clark announced the theme for the Nightly meeting in April: "Results Matter". The Keynote speaker is Dolores Briones, Governor's Office for Children's Executive Director. Awards for extraordinary service will be given, elected officials and the public will be invited to make comments and ask questions. There will be prizes given to three volunteers in the audience who can succinctly describe what the Community Partnerships functions are.

III. Initiative Update - Youth Developmental Assets - Jacki Carter

Mrs. Jacki Carter, Character Counts! Coordinator gave a presentation on Youth Developmental Assets and its positive influences on young people. Refer to her handout for more information.

IV. Foundation for Community Partnerships - Linda Kohler

Linda Kohler, Chief Financial Officer for the Foundation for Community Partnerships, gave the board an update on the Foundation. See attached notes.

V. Initiative Update - CASASTART - Mary Ann Gleason & Alison Vooris

Mary Ann Gleason, Family Network Specialist gave the board an overview of the CASASTART (Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows) program and introduced Alison Vooris, Behavior Specialist at Sudlersville Middle School. See the attached hand out.

VI. Announcements & adjourn

- Nightly meeting, April 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Chesapeake College.