

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2008

Approved: May 21, 2008

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

Members Present:

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College	Joe Newell, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems
Jeff Anthony, Community Member	Patricia Scott, Community Member
Rebecca Clark, Community Member	Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member
William Duffy, Community Member	Roseann Squire, Community Member
Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners	Paul Stearns, Community Member
Virginia Ingling, Q.A. Co. Department of Social Services	Geri Thompson, The Judy Center Partnership
Michelle Johnson, Community Member	Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services
Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member	Dr Carol Williamson, BOE Interim Superintendent
Ralph Marketto, Q.A. Co. Board of Education	Mary Walker, Community Member
Phyllis Naujokas, Q.A. Co. Department of Health	GG Weisenfeld, Community Member

Administrative Staff:

Michael R. Clark, Director	Mary Ann Gleason, Family Network Specialist
Cindi Bauer, Office Manager	Jennifer Stansbury, Operation Specialist
Jacki Carter, Character Counts! Coordinator	

Member Regrets:

Gery Hofmann, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Department	Walter Pauls, Community Member
Lynn Lang, Community Member	GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member
James Malaro, Community Member	Emily Smith, Q.A. Co. Student Representative

Guest:

Several Community Organizations	Q.A. Co. Commissioner Gunther
Chesapeake College Infant Development Class	Dolores Briones, Executive Director of the Governor's
Q.A. Co. Commissioner Billups	Office for Children
QACTV	Delegate Richard Sossi

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Paul Stearns, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:25p.m.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met three times since the last board meeting. On March 28, 2008 the committee discussed the grant opportunity called "Community Resource Development" a grant designed to support a priority area titled "Rehab Option" to prevent youth with mental health and developmental disabilities from placement in out-of-home care. At the meeting the Executive Committee authorized Mike Clark to submit a response to the RFP with the County Commissioner's approval. On April 3, 2008 they met to make final decisions on the award winners for the annual Nightly meeting, and on April 9, 2008 they met along with Ms. Rose and Ms. Hepfer from the Queen Anne's County Finance Office to review the Queen Anne's County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Committee also did a final review of the agenda of the nightly meeting.

B. Secretary's Report

Michelle Johnson presented the minutes for the March 12, 2008 board meeting.

Motion:

Mary Ruth Meredith made a motion to approve the March 2008 minutes as presented and Rebecca Clark provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer's Report

GG Wesienfeld presented the treasurer's report for March 2008. She also provided some comments about the Executive Committee's meeting with Eren Rose of the QAC Finance Office. The meeting was held to review the audited statements of the Community Partnerships as presented in the Queen Anne's County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

D. Membership Committee

Ms. Phyllis Naujokas reported that the membership Committee has been working hard to fill any membership vacancies. The committee has received letters of interest and resumes and will meet soon to review potential members.

E. Director's Report

Mr. Michael Clark, Partnership Director, gave an overview of the director's report. Mr. Clark stated that much of the staff's time since the February

2008 board meeting has been dedicated to working on and completing grant applications for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Clark announced that April is the month of the young child. The posters that hung around the room were from the poster contest sponsored by the Children's Council.

- III. **Show What You Know**
Mr. Paul Stearns, President explained to the audience that the board has been working on a way to explain the functions of the Community Partnerships in 30 seconds. Mr. Stearns told the audience that the board would be presenting information about what the Partnerships does and he invited the audience to prepare their own elevator speech that takes 30 seconds to deliver. Prizes will be given to the best three presentations.
- IV. **The Community Partnerships for Children and Families in a Nutshell**
Board members: Becky Clark, Bill Duffy, Roe Squire, and GG Weisenfeld gave the board members and the audience an organizational overview of the partnership.
- V. **Results Matter**
Mr. Michael Clark presented the iResults Matter Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan. The theme of the evening revolved around Results Matter to reflect that the Community Partnerships for Children and Families, one of 24 Local Management Boards across the state, believes that achieving results is vital and possible.
- VI. **Queen Anne's County Update**
Commissioner Courtney Billups, gave an update on the state of Queen Anne's County in regards to families. Commissioner Billups expressed the need to embrace the young people in the community and stressed that QAC citizens should always have a vested interest in young people as they will determine the future of the jurisdiction.
- VII. **Keynote Address-Progress in the State's Children & Families**
Delegate Richard Sossi introduced Dolores Briones, Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children. Ms. Briones gave an overview of her family life and work history from Texas to the newly-appointed position of Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children. She expressed that GOC would be working closely with all jurisdiction and with other child and family agencies to implement a coordinated plan for services for families across the state.
- VIII. **Community Partnerships Awards**
The Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board and Staff have the honor of meeting many extraordinary people from the community who work hard for the advancement of child and family systems. 2008 is the third year that the Partnerships recognized some of those who are working to improve the system. Board members were asked to nominate people who have done extra in a category that specifically relates to one of the priorities of the Community Partnerships for Children and Families. The Awardees are:

- a. *Service Superstars Award (new award this year)*
 - Tomi Fabri
 - QACTV
 - Special Education Teams at the Board of Education and throughout the County
 - United Way of Queen Anne's Co.
 - Queen Anne's Co. Drug and Alcohol Prevention Office
- b. *Extraordinary Service Award*
 - Stirling Ward
 - Linda Kohler
 - Early Childhood System of Care Group
 - Kent Island High School (PBIS)
 - Kim Umberger
- c. *Lifetime Achievement Award*
 - Susan Seth

IX. **Comments and Questions from Elected Officials and Guests**

Stanley Galkin, Community Member congratulated Commissioner Billups on giving his view of young people in the County.

Commissioner Guthrie announced that Queen Anne's County is getting started on an RFP to contract someone to redo the Queen Anne's County Zoning Ordinance. The Commissioner stated that there will be several committees working on those issues.

If anyone is interested in serving on those committees they should contact the Commissioner's office.

Ms. Sharon Robertson, Early childhood service provider introduced thirteen students from Chesapeake College Infant Development Class.

X. **Show What You Know ñ Conclusion**

Three people from the audience presented elevator speeches based on the information they gathered from the Board members presentations: Denise Figueiredo, Terry Koogler, and Diane McGowan, gave excellent speeches.

XI. **Adjourn**

- Next meeting May 21, 2008 at Centreville Community Church.