

Queen Anne's County  
Community Partnerships for Children and Families  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2008

Approved: November 21, 2008

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

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College

Lt. Dale Patrick, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Department

Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Parks & Recreation

Patricia Scott, Community Member

Cathy Dougherty, Q.A. Co. Department of Social Services

Marian Sinclair, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems

William Duffy, Community Member

Roseann Squire, Community Member

Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners

Paul Stearns, Community Member

Michelle Johnson, Community Member

Mary Walker, Community Member

James Malaro, Community Member

Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services

Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member

Laura Wood, Student Representative

Vincent Radosta, 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:**

Jeff Anthony, Community Member

Walter Pauls, Community Member

Rebecca Clark, Community Member \*

GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member

Lynn Lang, Community Member \*

Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member \*

Ralph Marketto, Q.A. Co. Board of Education \*

Geri Thompson, The Judy Center Partnership

Phyllis Naujokas, Q.A. Co. Department of Health \*

**Guest:**

Diane Lane, Family Navigator

Jennifer Kovach, Department of Social Services

Kris Rinker, Department of Rehabilitative Services

Denise Worthington, Crossroads Community Inc.

Emma Shivers, Developmental Disabilities Administration

*\* Board member gave their proxy to another board member for this meeting.*

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Paul Stearns, Board President, called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

**II. REPORTS:**

**A. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on October 6, 2008 to receive updates and to develop the agenda for the October board meeting. No actions were taken.

**B. Secretary's Report**

Michelle Johnson presented the minutes for the September 17, 2008 board meeting.

**Action:**

Mary Ruth Meredith moved to approve the September 2008 minutes as presented and Denise Whiteley provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**C. Treasurer's Report**

Roseann Squire, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report for September 2008.

**D. Finance Committee**

Roseann Squire provided an update on the Finance Committee for Community Partnerships for Children and Families, the committee met on September 29, 2008, to discuss the FY 09 budget and the GOCCP reimbursement for the CSAFE grant.

**E. Character Counts!**

Ms. Jacki Carter, Character Counts! Coordinator provided updates regarding Character Counts! The pillar for October is Trustworthiness.

**F. Director**

Mr. Michael Clark, Partnership Director, refer to written report.

**III. The Queen Anne's County System of Care - those who serve**

**A. Introduction** - Mike Clark introduced "Systems of Care" to the Board when he gave a precursor at the September meeting in September. At the October meeting the goal was to inform Local Management Board members about how a child and their family with intensive needs moves through the system in Queen Anne's County. Mr. Clark indicated that with this knowledge, the board should be better prepared to discuss and develop a plan for a County wide system of care that is more streamlined and supportive of the families and providers in the County. Ultimately, the information provided will support work to be done at the board retreat in November to further develop a System of Care plan.

**B. Panel Request-** Agency representatives were invited to come to the meeting and respond to the following questions:

1. Discuss your agency's role and the types of issues related to intensive needs children that typically come to your attention based on the mission and work of your agency.

2. Discuss a typical “intensive needs case or family” that you deal with and what services you provide.
  3. What works with the system for this population?
  4. What needs improvement in the system with this population?
- C. **Panel** – the following attend and made presentations based on the above request.
1. Department of Juvenile Services, Ms. Denise Whiteley, presented on behalf of DJS.
  2. Department of Social Services, Ms. Jennifer Kovach, presented on behalf of DSS.
  3. Board of Education, Ms. Diane Lane presented on behalf of Ms. Stirling Ward for Queen Anne’s Co. Board of Ed.
  4. Mental Health Core Service Agency, Ms. Marian Sinclair, presented on behalf of Mid-Shore Mental Health Services.
  5. Department of Rehabilitative Services, Ms. Kris Rinker-Aiken, presented on behalf of DORS.
  6. Developmental Disabilities Administration, Ms. Emma Shivers, presented on behalf of DDA.
  7. Family Advocate & Navigator, Ms. Diane Lane, presented on behalf of the Maryland Coalition for Families.
  8. Crossroads Community Inc. Ms. Denise Worthington presented on behalf of Crossroads.
- D. **Summary of Strengths and Challenges** - a partial list of system of care challenges and strengths was developed from the Panel’s comments and can be seen in Appendix A.
- E. **Questions** for the Panel from the Board
- Q. What age population does the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DORS) serve?
- A. From age 14 to life.
- Q. What is the most common age/race that Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) receives referrals for?
- A. No specific race, common referral age is between 14-18yrs.
- Q. Is DORS linked to colleges or any training facilities (besides the one in Baltimore)?
- A. Yes, and based on income sometimes DORS helps with College tuition.
- F. **Next Steps**  
The Community Partnerships for Children and Families Board will discuss and further strategize on Systems of Care at the annual Retreat in November.

IV. **Announcements & Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
- Board Retreat – November 21, 2008, Wye River Aspen Institute 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## APPENDIX A

**Queen Anne's County Provider System of Care Discussion**  
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**Summary of Strengths & Challenges**

<b>CHALLENGES</b>	<b>STRENGTHS</b>
<i>DJS – Department of Juvenile Services</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of in-state placements</li> <li>• No shelter care on the Shore</li> <li>• Once children are referred to DJS their needs are very intense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial &amp; Error</li> <li>• Assessment tools</li> <li>• Two detention centers on the Shore.</li> </ul>
<i>DSS - Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need funding for prevention type services.</li> <li>• Children that fall in the “Grey Zone”</li> <li>• Placement for children on the Shore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numerous Community Partnerships</li> <li>• Multiagency teams.</li> </ul>
<i>CSA – Core Service Agency – Mid Shore Mental Health Systems</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placements are expensive and don't meet all the needs</li> <li>• Issues cross mental health and substance abuse</li> <li>• Childhood trauma is often involved</li> <li>• Intergenerational mental illness is often a factor</li> <li>• Two year time limit for some funding sources &amp; funding gets allocated quickly</li> <li>• No mobile crisis available</li> <li>• Only resort for crisis is the Emergency room which is often not helpful and tedious.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehab Option funding is helpful</li> <li>• Child &amp; family team meetings</li> <li>• Wrap around case management</li> <li>• Child and family driven plans and choices – leads to greater compliance.</li> </ul>
<i>DDA – Developmental Disabilities Administration</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The large majority of services don't start until the person turns 21. (Other organization's services end at 18) – leaving a gap.</li> <li>• All funding comes from a regional office – can only fund “priority issues” based on regional needs and not necessarily local needs.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DDA provides services all the way until the end of life, causing long waiting lists</li> </ul>	
<p><i>DORS – Department of Rehabilitative Services</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting list is 6-9 months</li> <li>• Services on Shore are limited</li> <li>• Limited job placement counselors</li> <li>• Mental stability required.</li> </ul>	