

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009

Approved: March 18, 2009

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

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

Joe Newell, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems

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

Vincent Radosta, Community Member

William Duffy, Community Member

Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member

Michelle Johnson, Community Member

Roseann Squire, Community Member

Lynn Lang, Community Member

Paul Stearns, Community Member

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

Sgt. Tarr, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Department

Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member

Geri Thompson, The Judy Center Partnership

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

Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services

Laura Wood, Student Representative

Administrative Staff:

Michael R. Clark, Director

Jacki Carter, Character Counts! Coordinator

Cindi Bauer, Office Manager

Mary Ann Gleason, Family Network Specialist

Member Regrets:

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College *

Walter Pauls, Community Member

Jeff Anthony, Community Member

Patricia Scott, Community Member

Rebecca Clark, Community Member

GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member

Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners *

Mary Walker, Community Member

James Malaro, Community Member*

** 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 11:30 a.m.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on February 9, 2009, to receive updates and to develop the agenda for the February board meeting. The Executive Committee made no decisions that required action from the full board.

B. Secretary's Report

Roseann Squire presented the minutes for January 2009 board meeting.

Action:

Vincent Radosta moved to approve the January 2009 minutes as presented and Joe Newell provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer's Report/Finance

Roseann Squire, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report for January 2009. The Finance Committee is also meeting regularly to have more detailed review and discussion of the Partnerships FY09, and FY10 budget.

D. Character Counts!

Jacki Carter, Character Counts! Coordinator announced that Respect is the pillar for February and gave the board an update on the CC! program. She announced that the Character Counts Coaches Recognition Dinner will be May 7, 2009.

E. Director

Mr. Michael Clark, Partnership Director, reviewed the directors' report included in the member's packet. Mr. Clark announced that the Partnership received the Outstanding Partnership award from the Judy Center Partnership.

Nightly Meeting

Mr. Clark reminded board members that the nightly meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2009 at Chesapeake College at 6:30pm.

Rosemary King Johnston, Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children plans to attend and give a speech.

Congressman Frank Kratovil, Jr., sent his regrets. We still plan to invite Governor Martin O' Malley, Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown and Maryland First Lady Katie O'Malley. Hopefully one of the three might accept to present the keynote address.

Extraordinary Service Awards

Mr. Clark urged the board to make nominations for the Extraordinary Service Awards which will be presented at the Nightly Meeting.

Meeting with Shore Delegation

Mike Clark expressed the need to reach out to our Delegates and Senators in the Maryland General Assembly. He asked for Board

members to go to Annapolis with him in order to tell the importance of local control and oversight of Children and Family services. The date of the event is March 6, 2009 at 9am. Please notify Mike Clark if you would like to attend.

Governor Martin O'Malley

The Governor will be holding a series of local town hall meetings to discuss the state of Maryland's economy and public education system. He plans to be in Easton on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 6:30p.m. Mr. Clark said that it will be great if some board members attend to voice support for our Children and Family programs and the Community Partnerships for Children and Families.

Grants Consultant

In accordance with the County procurement policy the Partnership put out a request for proposals from consultants to make themselves available to the Partnership for grant writing, and strategic planning services for the rest of fiscal year 2009 and all of fiscal year 2010 ending June 30, 2010 for an agreed upon rate. The independent review committee that was recommended by the County Administrator scored the applications and Just Cause Consulting was selected as the number one consultant, but if they are too busy we may use one of the other approved applicants, Heisner LLC, or DiVirgilio & Associates LLC.

F. Membership

Phyllis Naujokas, along with Roe Squire and Denise Whiteley make up the membership committee. Ms. Naujokas developed a form for the board members to complete so the membership committee could get a quick understanding if any members want to depart from the board early and to determine board members interest in executive committee roles.

III. Mental Health Clinic

On behalf of the Mental Health Review committee, Joe Newell discussed their work regarding the Metal Health Clinic RFP responses. Two applications were received from Change Systems, Inc. and Lower Shore Clinic, Inc. After reviewing the applications and going through a scoring process, the committee recommended awarding the grant to Lower Shore Clinic, Inc.

Action:

Mary Ruth Meredith moved to accept the recommendation of the Mental Health Clinic Committee to submit the recommendation to award the Lower Shore Clinic's proposal to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners. Denise Whiteley provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

IV. Sustaining the System of Care

Mike Clark gave the board an overview of the programs that may take budget cuts and provided the board with a grid of estimated cuts. He indicated the information on the document was only based on estimates

and meant for planning and strategy purposes. Regular updates will be given.

V. **Systems of Care Retreat: Committee Follow up**

The Systems of Care Committee met on February 2, 2009. Roe Squire and Michelle Johnson gave the board an update on the progress of Cultural Diversity training. Mary Ann Gleason reported on behalf of the Early childhood committee, and Ralph Marketto, reported on the Transition age youth programs at the Board of Education.

VI. **Announcements & Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

- Town Hall Meeting February 26, 2009 @ Easton High School
- Next Meeting is March 18, 2009 at Price Community Club
- Character Counts Recognition Dinner May 7, 2009
- Youth Summit, March 27, and 28, 2009 @ Queen Anne's County High School