

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

Approved: April 15, 2009

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

Members Present:

Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Parks & Recreation	Vincent Radosta, Community Member
Rebecca Clark, Community Member	Patricia Scott, Community Member
Joyce Davis, Q.A. Co. Department of Social Services	Paul Stearns, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member	Latinate Dale Patrick , Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Department
James Malaro, Community Member	Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services
Phyllis Naujokas, Q.A. Co. Department of Health	Laura Wood, Student Representative

Administrative Staff:

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

Member Regrets:

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College *	Joe Newell, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems
Jeff Anthony, Community Member	Walter Pauls, Community Member
William Duffy, Community Member	Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member *
Lynn Lang, Community Member *	Roseann Squire, Community Member *
Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners *	GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member
Ralph Marketto, Q.A. Co. Board of Education *	Geri Thompson, The Judy Center Partnership
Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member	Mary Walker, Community Member

Guest:

Kimberly Chin, Maryland Hunger Solutions

Adrienne Burroughs, Maryland Hunger Solutions

** 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 11:33 a.m.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on March 10, 2009, to receive updates and to develop the agenda for the March board meeting. The Executive Committee made no decisions that required action from the full board.

B. Secretary's Report

Michelle Johnson presented the minutes for February 2009 board meeting.

Action:

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

C. Treasurer's Report/Finance

Michelle Johnson presented the treasurer's report for February 2009, on behalf of Roe Squire, Treasurer.

D. Character Counts!

Jacki Carter, Character Counts! Coordinator announced that Responsibility is the pillar for March and gave the board an update on the CCI program. She announced that the Character Counts Coaches Recognition Dinner will be May 7, 2009. Ms. Carter also announced the winners of the laws of life essay contest there was a total of 1962 essays submitted this year and 420 were from Queen Anne's County. The Laws of Life Dinner will be on March 25, 2009. Ms Carter also mentioned that the Six Pillar Inventory had 676 Inventory's filled out online and 325 were filled out at Queen Anne's County High School.

E. Membership Committee

Phyllis Naujokas, along with Roe Squire and Denise Whiteley make up the membership committee Ms. Naujokas thanked the board for being very cooperative. After contacting the current board members the membership committee had determined that at least 2 positions will be vacant. Mary Walker has fulfilled her 2nd term and Jeff Anthony reported that he can no longer serve on the Board because he has many other obligations. The committee will contact the current executive committee to determine if there will be any vacant executive positions. Once this is determined the staff will place an ad for new members in the paper.

F. Directors Report

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.

Extraordinary Service Awards

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

SAMHSA

Mr. Clark noted that included in the member's packet was the SAMHSA news letter which highlighted the Drug Free Communities in Queen Ann's County.

III. Maryland Hunger Solutions

Kimberly Chin and Adrienne Burroughs gave the board a presentation on The Federal Nutrition Programs in Queen Anne's County. The federal government's nutrition programs

- Food Stamps provide monthly assistance to low-income families to help them buy food and eat healthy.
- School Lunch, children can receive lunch for free, at a reduced price or at full price.
- School Breakfast provides nutritionally balanced breakfasts to children each school day. Children are eligible for free, reduced, or paid breakfasts based on their families' income.
- Summer Food fills the nutrition gap for children (18 and under) who depend on school lunch and breakfast during the school year by providing free, nutritious meals and snacks. The summer food program provides reimbursements to summer sites that serve meals and snacks. Queen Anne's Co. had 1 sponsor, with 2 sites during summer 2008.
- Child and Adult Care Food Program, a nutrition education and reimbursement program for licensed child care centers and family child care homes. (CACFP) Covers a portion of the cost of snacks and meals served to children at child care centers, Head Start Programs, family child care homes, and afterschool programs. There are 16 licensed Child Care Centers and 26 registered family care homes in Queen Anne's County, of those 122 Family Day Care Homes participate in CACFP.
- WIC Women, Infants, and Children is a nutrition program that provides nutritious food, nutrition education, and access to health care to low-income pregnant women, new mothers, and infants and children, WIC information is available at the Health Department.

IV. Sustaining the System of Care - Update

Mike Clark distributed a list that shows where we are with the budget in Queen Anne's County as we understand it at this time. What we know regarding news specific to funding for our locality hasn't changed much. We have not received any new figures regarding the cuts at the State. In the meantime the staff and other program providers continue to do what we can in applying for grants and looking for other funding. We are also writing letters and making contact with political leaders letting them know about the importance of this funding.

V. Systems of Care Retreat: Committee Follow up

Mary Ann Gleason gave the board an update on behalf of the Coordinated System of Care Committee. Ms. Gleason sent the committee information on the Parent Information Resource Center Grant to review before their meeting on March 31, 2009, at Community Partnerships for Children and Families Office.

Michelle Johnson reported to the board on behalf of the Multicultural Committee. The group reviewed the cultural competence surveys that were distributed to area organizations and agencies after the last meeting. Eight surveys were received. It appears that there are multiple levels of training. The Committee will continue to meet and discuss cultural competency.

Broad Array of Services discussion tabled.

VI. Grant & Development Project Update

The Partnership is currently working on many grants and has plans for more in the future that may arise out of the stimulus bill. Due to the foreseen increased amount of grant writing we may be doing in the next several months, Mike Clark asked the board for a motion to approve a request to utilize \$10,000. from the Earned Reinvestment funds in order to pay for a consultant who will help us respond to these opportunities.

Action:

Jim Malaro moved to approve the request to utilize \$10,000 of the Earned Reinvestment funds to be able to respond quickly to grant request. Vincent Radosta provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

VII. Announcements & Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

- Youth Summit, March 27, and 28, 2009 @ Queen Anne's County High School
- Next Meeting is April 15, 2009 at 6:00pm at Chesapeake College
- Character Counts Recognition Dinner May 7, 2009