

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

Drafted: September 23, 2009

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

Members Present:

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College	Phyllis Naujokas, Q.A. Co. Department of Health
Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Parks & Recreation	Vincent Radosta, Community Member
Cathy Dougherty, Department of Social Services	Patricia Scott, Community Member
Dwayne Embert, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Office	Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member
Victoria Human-Luff, Community Member	Roseann Squire, Community Member
Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners	Paul Stearns, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member	Geri Thompson, The Judy Center Partnership
James Malaro, Community Member	Laura Wood, Student Representative
Ralph Marketto, Q.A. Co. Board of Education	Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services

Administrative Staff:

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

Member Regrets:

Rebecca Clark, Community Member	Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member*
William Duffy, Community Member	Joe Newell, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems
Lynn Lang, Community Member*	GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member

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

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Paul Stearns, Board President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met by teleconference on Friday, September 11, 2009 to receive updates and develop the agenda for the September board meeting.

B. Secretary's Report

Michelle Johnson presented the minutes for the June 2009 board meeting.

Action:

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

C. Treasurer's Report/Finance

Roseann Squire presented the treasurer's report for June, July, and August 2009.

D. Foundation

Mike Clark gave the board an update on the Foundation. The Foundation board voted to sell the Foundation for-profit Subsidiary Just Cause LLC to Linda Walls. That transaction took place September 1, 2009.

E. Character Counts!

Mike Clark presented on behalf of Jacki Carter. Pillar of the month is Responsibility and the Asset's message is Personal Power- Young person feels they have control over things that happen to them. Some of the current activities include:

- Jacki Carter Attended School Health Interdisciplinary Program Conference.
- Still recruiting coaches for SES, CES, MES, KIES, GES, BES, CMS (3rd and 7th grade) MMS. The 4-H Fair was successful in bringing some new recruits.
- 8 students and 6 adult Asset volunteers took a trip Smith Island.
- Anti Bullying initiative going well.
- The Maryland Center for Character Education luncheon is on September 24, 2009. Matapeake Middle School is the county school for character recognition this year. Our district is in the running to be recognized as the district for the year in implementing character education. The recipient will be announced at the luncheon.

F. Directors Report

Mr. Michael Clark, Partnership Director, gave an overview of the written directors report included in the members packet.

G. Retreat Follow-up

- **Cultural Competence Committee**

Roseann Squire reported on behalf of the committee. The committee met in June and again in September. The Committee requested input from the agency representatives that serve on the Community Partnerships for Children and Families board. The Committee is working on setting up a gathering with local church representatives and the Latino population to assess their prospective on the needs.

- **System Coordination Committee**

Peg Anawalt reported on behalf of the System Coordination Committee. The committee met in September and decided to try to build on Chesapeake Helps since it is already in existence. The committee would like to develop user guides for specific age groups to help with navigating through Chesapeake Helps to find what they are looking for.

III. Fiscal Year 2009-Results Review

Mary Ann Gleason, distributed the results report for Fiscal year 2009 that was submitted to the Governor's Office for Children and provided a verbal review of the document.

IV. Budget and Grant Updates Fiscal Year 2010 and beyond

Mr. Clark updated the board on Budget/Program Cuts/Strategies-Follow-up The Governor's Office for Children (GOC) approved the LMB budget awarded through the Children's Cabinet fund for fiscal year 2010 as discussed at the June board meeting. The amount of the budget from GOC was approximately 24% less then what was approved at the beginning of fiscal year 2009. Then in July the State Board of Public Works (BPW) made a round of cuts to the State's budget which resulted in a \$33,050 cut to the LMB administration budget. In August they made another cut resulting in an additional \$2,123 being taken from the LMB Admin budget along with \$7,846 cut from the After School Funds for Queen Anne's County. We were told that we are not allowed to "backfill" this cut with earned reinvestment funds. All told our funds for administration from GOC have been cut by 33% compared to the start of fiscal year 2009. We have been told that BPW may have to make one more cut to the State Budget which could affect LMBs. These State cuts combined with cuts in grants were a major focus of the work that had to be completed over the summer. The County budget was approved with the request for funding support of the LMB and that has been very helpful in ensuring continued operations. Mr. Clark continues to keep close communication with the Staff and John Borders, County Administrator, to determine ways in which programs and operations can be funded and maintained.

Grant Update

- *Drug Free Communities (DFC)* was submitted on March 20, 2009. The Community Partnerships has sponsored this application for five years and applied for our sixth year. The sixth year is competitive and we requested \$125,000 a year for the next five years. Unfortunately, our application was not funded. The Community Partnerships for Children and Families was depending on a grant from Drug Free Communities to help us weather this budget storm. A request was submitted for a no cost extension allowing us to carryover unspent funds (\$36,837) into fiscal year 2010. If awarded this will allow us to have some funds this year to help our staff close out the grant and develop sustainability strategies for the future (\$22,513). The funding will also help cover part of the prevention coordinator's salary in the Drug and Alcohol office (\$14,324). We are eligible to apply again in March for this funding and as of now plan to do so.
- *CSAFE Grant - Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention* - The Partnership applied for funding through CSAFE which was due on April 1, 2009. In FY 09 we received a total of \$55,245 to cover the costs of a part time community police officer and an afterschool program in the CSAFE zone. In FY10 we were awarded \$22,092 for community police officer and community coordinator. The funding for the after school program component was not funded.
- *2009 Title II Formula Grant Program (JJAC) - Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention* - Requested \$105,840 in grant funds to pay for part time CASASTART Case managers at Stevensville Middle, Sudlersville Middle and Kent Island High School and a part time (.5) Mentor Coordinator. The purpose of the program is to prevent juvenile delinquency. The project, entitled Queen Anne's County Delinquency Prevention Program, was submitted on May 13, 2009. We were awarded funding for \$50,822 to cover the expense of 1 CASASTART "Countywide" case manager and a mentor coordinator.
- *Juvenile Accountability Block Grant 2009 Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention* - requested \$60,798 to pay for a part time county wide attendance officer and a part time transition coordinator for the Anchor Points Academy. The title of the project is Queen Anne's County Juvenile Recidivism Reduction Grant - JABG. The purpose of the funding is to reduce recidivism rates for students involved in the juvenile justice system and to monitor school attendance. We were awarded funding in the amount of \$59,886 for this grant covering most of our request.
- OJJDP FY09 Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative (CFDA #16.808): Project entitled Queen Anne's County Project SAVVY (Supporting Adults Valuing and Validating Youth) Mentoring. \$479,540 over 4 years was requested to implement an evidence-based community mentoring program to improve the academic, behavioral and social outcomes for at-risk students during out of school time. We have not yet heard official word but we are not optimistic that it was funded because we have not been contacted and see other awardees posted on the web.

- *Congressional Requests:* At the last meeting I announced that we learned that Senator Cardin put forth our request for the Chesapeake Health project. Unfortunately, the request was submitted but didn't make it into the final budget request and won't be funded this year. Representatives from Congressman Kratovil's office encouraged us to apply again for next year and have offered to help us through the process. We plan to start in early November.

V. Summer Activities and Updates

Mike Clark updated the board on the activities the staff has been working on through out the summer. Budget, Media Release, Hiring a CSAFE Coordinator, Year end reports, Annual Report to GOC, Opening Corsica River Mental Health, CSI & Rehab Option cases transitioning into the state wide CME. DFC grant working on the Report Card, LCC very active, Developing sustainability grants, CC! busy working on Bullying, CommUNITY working on mentoring, Mike Clark working with Arlene Lee to develop a presentation on LMB's to present to the Governor.

VI. Committees Overview

Mike Clark asked the board members to review the list of committees in the packet to make sure they are/are not on the correct committees. Please advise Mr. Clark if you would like be on or change the committee that you are currently on.

VII. Announcements & Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:00p.m.

- Next Meeting is October 21, 2009 at Sudlersville United Methodist Church,
- Board Retreat-November 20, 2009, 8:30a.m. until 4p.m.- at Schraders Bridgetown Manor.
- Health dept. offering flu shots - beginning October 1 at the Centreville Health dept. 9a.m. until 7pm.
- Thanksgiving Dinner being served at Centreville Community Church on November 26, 2009 from 11am until 3pm.
- Susan Coppage is the New Assistant Director for Q.A. Co. Dept. of Social Services.