

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families
Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009

Approved: November 20, 2009

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

Members Present:

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College	Victoria Homan-Luff, Community Member
Rebecca Clark, Community Member	James Malaro, Community Member
Joan Brooks, Q.A. Co. Parks & Recreation	Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member
Dorothy Carpenter, The Judy Center Partnership	Vincent Radosta, Community Member
Susan Coppage, Department of Social Services	Roseann Squire, Community Member
Michelle Johnson, Community Member	Paul Stearns, Community Member
Lynn Lang, Community Member	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:

William Duffy, Community Member	Joe Newell, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems
Sheriff Hofman, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Office	GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member
Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners	Patricia Scott, Community Member
Ralph Marketto, Q.A. Co. Board of Education *	Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member*
Phyllis Naujokas, Q.A. Co. Department of Health*	Laura Wood, Student Representative

Guest:

Francis Crawford, Queen Anne's Co. DSS Sexual Abuse Prevention Program

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

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Paul Stearns, Board President, called the meeting to order at 11:35am and introduced the Assistant Director for Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services Susan Coppage. The meeting was had at the United Methodist Church in Sudlersville, MD.

II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met by teleconference on Monday, October 5, 2009 to receive updates and develop the agenda for the October board meeting. The committee voted by email to approve a scholarship from Community Partnerships for an Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate Program at Chesapeake College. Anne Livie who is currently employed with the new mental health clinic in Queen Anne's County, Corsica River Mental Health Services, Inc. has applied for this scholarship. The committee approved Ms. Livie to be the recipient of the scholarship.

Action:

Vincent Radosta moved to ratify the decision to provide a scholarship from Community Partnerships for Children and Families for Anne Livie to attend the Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate Program at Chesapeake College. Mary Ruth Meredith provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

B. Secretary's Report

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

Action:

Lynn Lang moved to approve the September 2009 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/Finance

Roseann Squire presented the treasurer's report for September 2009.

D. Foundation

Mike Clark reported that the Foundation for Community Partnerships is preparing to celebrate its fifth year anniversary. Much has been achieved since its inception. In 2005 the Foundation held 2 funds with assets of \$17,846 and gave \$0 out in grants to the community. As of June 2009, the Foundation has 55 funds with assets of \$1,478,312, has awarded \$1,319,959 in grants and serves 6 counties. Other tangible accomplishments include:

- Purchased playground equipment for Kent Island Elementary School
- Provided meals and shelter to homeless families in Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties
- Provided college scholarships to high school graduates
- Supported restoration project on the Corsica River
- Furnished a volunteer center in Waveland, Mississippi

- Sponsored working trips to Mississippi for Wye River Upper School students
- Established a CASA program for Kent and Queen Anne's Counties
- Renovated an historic church and opened a museum to the public
- Sent the Teacher of the Year to China
- Provided a dog park for public use in Stevensville
- Provided gifts to 8,000 children during the holidays (2005-2008)
- Educated the public on police canines and provided training to officers

Additionally, the Foundation's investments continue to be gaining and positive despite the economic downturn. Board members recommended that a press release be developed that expresses the highlights above and discusses the Foundation's positive earnings.

E. Character Counts!

Mary Ruth Meredith presented on behalf of Jacki Carter. Pillar of the month is Citizenship. Some of the current activities include:

- Laws of Life Essay Contest are underway.
- Chamber of commerce Business Showcase -October 15th.
- All middle schools are covered by character coaches CMS and SMS are looking for 7th grade coverage. Still looking for coaches at SES, CES, MES (K), KIES, GES.
- Anti bullying initiative going well.
- Have been asked to provide coaches at the Head Start Program in Grasonville and the Judy Center partnership.

Ms. Meredith was noted and thanked for the large amount of work that she has done for Character Counts! while Jacki Carter was away.

F. Directors Report

Mr. Michael Clark, Partnership Director, gave an overview of the written director's report included in the member's packet. Mike encouraged board members to attend the Corsica River Mental Health Clinic Dedication on October 27, 2009.

G. Retreat Follow-up

• **Cultural Competence Committee**

Roseann Squire reported on behalf of the committee. The committee requested input from the agency representatives that serve on the Community Partnerships for Children and Families board. The committee is still waiting for everyone's response in order to work on developing a new survey.

• **System Coordination Committee**

Mary Ann Gleason reported on behalf of the System Coordination Committee. The committee is working on developing user guides for specific age groups to help with navigating through Chesapeake Helps to

find what they are looking for. They hope to have more to report on at the November meeting.

- III. **Fiscal Year 2010 Program Goals Children's Cabinet Fund**
Mary Ann Gleason distributed the FY2010 Community Partnership Agreement Appendix A and provided a verbal overview of the document.
- IV. **Think First Stay Safe: Sexual Abuse Prevention Program -DSS**
Frances Crawford presented on the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. The program materials were originally funded by a Community Partnerships for Children and Families mini grant. The program is to educate children on body safety and personal safety.
- V. **Judy Center Partnership Update - Family Support Center**
Dorothy Carpenter, Director of the Family Support Center gave the board an update on the progress and activities going on at the new location for the Family Support Center in Sudlersville. Ms. Carpenter stated that for now the Judy Center Partnership will remain at the current location in Grasonville.
- VI. **Tour of New Family Support Center**
Dorothy Carpenter provided a guided tour through the new Family Support Center.
- VII. **Announcements & Adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 1:04p.m.
 - Next Meeting is the Board Retreat-November 20, 2009, 8:30a.m. until 4p.m.- at Schraders Bridgetown Manor.
 - Susan Coppage is the New Assistant Director for Q.A. Co. Dept. of Social Services.
 - Corsica River Mental Health Services Dedication- October 27, 2009.