

Queen Anne's County  
Community Partnerships for Children and Families  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2010

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

**Members Present:**

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

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

Cathy Dougherty, Department of Social Services

Vincent Radosta, Community Member

Margie Houck, Q.A. Co. Commissioners

Patricia Scott, Community Member

Michelle Johnson, Community Member

Pastor Dan Southern, Community Member

Lynn Lang, Community Member

Roseann Squire, Community Member

James Malaro, Community Member

Paul Stearns, Community Member

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

Denise Whiteley, Department of Juvenile Services

Mary Ruth Meredith, Community Member

**Administrative Staff:**

Cindi Boone, Administrative Assistant

Mary Ann Gleason, Family Network Specialist

Jacki Carter, Character Counts! Coordinator

Jennifer Stansbury, Operations Specialist

Michael R. Clark, Director

**Member Regrets:**

Peg Anawalt, Chesapeake College\*

Joe Newell, Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems

William Duffy, Community Member

GeorgiAnna Schurr, Community Member

Rebecca Clark, Community Member

Geri Thompson, The Judy Center Partnership

Sheriff Hofmann, Q.A. Co. Sheriff's Office

Laura Wood, Student Representative

Victoria Homan-Luff, Community Member

**Guest:**

Community Members

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:**

Paul Stearns Board President called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**II. REPORTS:**

**A. Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met on June 9, 2010 to receive updates and approve the agenda for the June board meeting. The Executive Committee took action on two items.

**Action:**

Mary Ruth Meredith moved to ratify the Executive Committee decision to add another board candidate Mr. Wayne Humphries to the list submitted to the Commissioners for membership on the Community Partnerships for Children and Families board starting July 1, 2010. Vincent Radosta second the motion. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried

**Action:**

Denise Whiteley moved to ratify the Executive Committees decision to amend the application for the 2011 Community Partnerships Agreement (NOFA) to adjust the application to make up for the \$48,460 that was cut by the State, the portion to fund Chesapeake HELPS.. Lynn Lang second the motion. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

**B. Secretary's Report**

Michelle Johnson presented the minutes for the May 2010 board meeting.

**Action:**

Lynn Lang moved to approve the May 2010 minutes with the correction of spelling of Mr. Radosta's name. Vincent Radosta 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 May 2010.

**D. Retreat Committees**

**a) Cultural Competence Committee**

The committee met on May 28, 2010 at 10a.m. with Keith Merkey from Maryland Committee on Human Relation. Mr. Merkey will be coordinating the trainings. The committee will meet again on June 17, 2010 to schedule the training dates.

**b) Fundraising Committee**

While the dance was not well attended, everyone had a great time and it was profitable. The next fundraiser will be a Quartermania that's scheduled for September 24, 2010, at Price Community Center. Please let Cindi Boone, Mary Ruth Meredith, Cathy Dougherty, or Victoria Homan-Luff know if you would like to volunteer for this event.

**E. Character Counts!**

Jacki Carter Character Counts! Coordinator updated the board on the program. Pillar of the month is Fairness. The Asset message is: Support other adult relationships. – Youth receives support from three or more non-parents. What teens look for in a role model/mentor is someone they

can be comfortable with and be themselves around, someone they can talk to and trust.

Some of the current Character Counts! activities include:

- QACTV interviewed the laws of Life middle school winner Janell Eck from Sudlersville Middle School,
- A Bullying survey was administered to 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Jacki will report on the outcome at the September board meeting.
- End of year coach and teacher surveys are still coming in. Overall, they are very positive.
- Teen of character scholarship was awarded to Nicole Egerton, Kent Island High School. Next year the scholarship will be named the Faye Lister Teen of Character scholarship.
- Two students from the Head Start program will be recognized as the Character Counts! student of the year.
- Color of My Skin station activities at Kent Island Library, June 22, 2010 at 2:30pm.
- Partnering for Youth/21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers Grant: if awarded, Character Counts! will be responsible for presenting at staff orientations and parent info gatherings as well as character site visits at Sudlersville Elementary School and at Sudlersville Middle School.
- Currently one Mentoring match at Sudlersville Middle, Stevensville Middle had a match that was going well but the student may drop from the school. Two others matches are pending. The program should end with the targeted matches.

#### **F. Directors Report**

Mr. Michael Clark, Partnership Director, gave an overview of the written director's report included in the member's packet. Mr. Clark thanked Joan Brooks and Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation for donating the table flowers for the board picnic. Mr. Clark announced the Community Partnerships for Children and Families office is a drop off site for cell phones for seniors see Cindi Boone for more information.

#### **III. Budget**

Mike Clark reviewed the budget (included in the member's packets).

#### **IV. Goals for Fiscal Year 2011**

Mike Clark reviewed his accomplishments for 2010 and presented his goals for 2011.

#### **V. Local Coordinating Council Update**

The board has heard several presentations about Care Management Entities (CME) and the related changes that are occurring through out the system for children at risk of leaving their home for a residential treatment center or other placement. Because of these changes a committee is working at the state level to determine what the new function of the LCCs should be. Some of their responsibilities are no longer relevant with the CME in place. However, there are new ideas and needs that lend themselves to the unique

work of the LCC. The Queen Anne's County LCC has begun strategizing and determining how we can meet local communication and coordinating needs for children who are at risk of placement or very close to being at risk.

**VI. Update on Healthy Families**

Pat Deitz Director of the Health Families Queen Anne's/Talbot County reviewed the services available through Healthy Families.. Ms. Deitz also announced that she would be retiring and Shelly Neal Edwards will be taking over as Director.

**VII. Recognizing New and Departing Members**

Regretfully, the following Board members' have resigned or their terms will expire on June 30, 2010, Georgianna Schurr, Patricia Scott, Marian Sinclair, and Paul Stearns. The following members will serve a second three-year term, Margaret Anawalt, Rebecca Clark, William Duffy, Sheriff Hofmann, and Geri Thompson. The membership committee submitted Joe Connor, Wayne Humphries, Amanda Jones, and Holly Ireland to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners for nomination to the board.

**Announcements & Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

- The Community Partnerships for Children and Families next meeting is September 15, 2010, at the Board of Education.