

**Talbot Family Network
Board of Directors Meeting
November 15, 2016
2:30 PM**

Talbot County Board of Education
12 Magnolia St., Easton, MD

Agenda

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| Welcome and Introduction | Sherry Sutton |
| Review and Approval of Minutes from November 2016 | Sherry Sutton |
| By-Law Review - VOTE | Denise Whiteley |
| Getting Ahead RFP Process | Jan Willis |
| Strategic Goals | Sherry Sutton |
| Workgroup reports | |
| Workgroups | |

**Next meeting - January 17, 2017 at 2:30pm
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In Attendance: Thom McCarty, Preston Peper, Denise Whiteley, Thomas Hutson, Sherry Sutton, Catherine Poe, Dale Skinner, Anthony Smith, Doug Devenyns, Kelly Griffith, Milton Orellana, Jessica Morris, Kelly Reynolds

Absent/Excused with Proxy given to attending member: Holly Ireland proxy to Sherry Sutton, Angela Lane and Carol Masden proxy to Denise Whiteley, Michelle Moaney proxy to Dale Skinner, Linda Webb proxy to Kelly Griffith

Absent: none

Welcome and Introductions- Sherry Sutton began the meeting.

Review and Approval of Minutes from October 2016 - Sherry Sutton asked the board to review the minutes from the October 2016 board meeting. Kelly Griffith motioned that the minutes be approved. Denise Whiteley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Board Business Process –

The Coordinator's Report and Program Report was presented electronically prior to the meeting. No questions.

By-Law Review- Copies of proposed changes to the By-Laws, first presented by the By-Laws Review Committee at the September 2016, were distributed prior to the meeting, as well as available in hardcopy at the meeting. Denise Whiteley, Chair of the By-Laws Review Committee opened the floor for further discussion. With further discussion declined Doug Devenyns motioned to approve the recommended changes to the By-Laws as presented and previously discussed. Kelly Griffith seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Jan Willis reviewed the next steps for the By-Laws and the Board must wait for the County Council to ultimately approve the changes.

Getting Ahead RFP Process- Jan Willis reviewed the program and updated the Board on the RFP status. A Service Review Committee meeting will be held via conference call on December 9, 2016 at 10am. Since there is not a full board meeting scheduled in December to options were considered - schedule a special board meeting to consider the SRC's funding recommendations or empower the Executive Committee to take this action. Kelly Griffith made the motion and Anthony Smith seconded the motion to empower the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full board, informed by the SRC's recommendations, in selecting and funding vendors of the Getting Ahead proposals. The motion was approved. Dates for the Getting Ahead Facilitator training are to be determined.

Workgroup reports were made to the Board regarding updates. Sherry Sutton reported to the Board about the progress of the Impact of Incarceration workgroup, and highlighted information gleaned from a recent focus group held at the Talbot County Detention Center with the inmates. Sherry stated that they were able to identify several needs and potential focus areas. Catherine Poe reported to the Board on behalf of the Youth Hunger Workgroup. She stated that the program with University of Maryland Extension is getting started, and members of the Talbot County Hunger Coalition have also been meeting with No Kid Hungry who expressed interest in possibly assisting with funding of certain Hunger Initiatives. The Disconnected Youth and Homeless Youth workgroups had no additional reports other than the notes that were provided to Board members from their previous meeting. Sherry Sutton reminded the Board that the goal is to have RFP ideas for the January meeting.

As follow up to previous interest, Jan Willis discussed the potential opportunity to hold a Collective Impact training for the Board and community. Discussion was made and the Board requested more information from the trainer about success stories from rural communities using the Collective Impact model.

Strategic Goals Workgroups – Board members divided into their workgroups and discussed the next steps. Group members took notes.

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