

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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**LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD
2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

Purpose

The purpose of this Board is to serve as the coordinator of collaboration for services specific to children, youth, and families in St. Mary's County. The Board is accountable for bringing together local child-serving agencies and providers, clients of services, and other community representatives to empower local stakeholders in addressing the needs of and setting priorities for our communities.

Activities

In January of 2019, the LMB hosted a focus group to discuss strengths, weaknesses, and service gaps in this community as it relates to children, youth, and families. The event hosted 30+ community agencies, organizations, and private citizens who are committed to the work serving this population. In the summer of 2019, the Board contracted with Due East to work toward the creation of a formal community needs assessment that will drive the work for the next three-five years. This assessment will provide analyzed data identifying the gaps in services within the community and will be finalized in early 2020. The goal of this assessment is to identify programs and services that will address the youth needs and improve outcomes around these service area gaps within the community. Ongoing recruitment of members to this board has yielded two new community members. Finally, a Request for Proposals for a youth employment program was posted and applications were reviewed to address the service need for the 16-24-year-old population.

Challenges

Recruitment of community members who have a vested interest in the success of all children, youth, and families in the community is an ongoing challenge.

Plans

In early 2020, the Board will focus on their application to the Governor's Office for Children for funding allocation as well as prioritizing a strategic plan to address the identified needs of the community. This strategic plan will serve as a catalyst to new programs and services needed and as identified in the final community needs assessment.

Membership as of December 31, 2019 –

Troy Cowan

Robin Johnson
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