



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
8:00– 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Alfreda Flowers, Mary Vanderwert, Rebecca Noecker, Nicole MartinRogers, Mary Jo McGuire, Toni Carter, Heather Kilgore, Daniel Yang, Bruce Thao

Board Members Absent: Molly Cave, Cedrick Baker

Staff Present: Laurie Davis and Christa Anders (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co- Coordinators)

Guests Present: Stacey Gray Akyea (REA Director from Saint Paul Public Schools)

Meeting called to order by Thao at 8:07 am.

I. Lighting of the Children's Fire

Flowers lit the Children's Fire with an inspirational story about the spirit of Christmas about the unconditional love we receive from children in our lives.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 14, 2018 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the November update from Advance Consulting and the November finance report. Second. Motion approved.

III. SPCC Board/Officers

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the 2019 one-year officer terms.

Motion to nominate Toni Carter as Chair, Nicole MartinRogers as Vice Chair, Mary Vanderwert as Secretary, and Mary Jo McGuire as Treasurer for 2019. Motion approved.

Bruce Thao notified the board he must resign from the SPCC board due to work conflicts. He met with Hoang Murphy, a community member suggested by Coalition of Asian American Leaders, and Mr. Murphy was interested and willing to serve. Thao recommended him as a new Community Representative. Carter and others thanked him for his service and leadership and innovation in his role as Chair. SPCC's loss is a gain to health equity in Minnesota.

Motion to accept the resignation of Bruce Thao from the position of Community Representative, effective at the end of the January meeting. Motion approved (reluctantly).

Motion to nominate Hoang Murphy as a new Community Representative to the SPCC Board effective at the end of the December meeting. Motion approved.

IV. SPCC Budget for 2019

At the November board meeting, Bavong Thao (fiscal agent to the SPCC) walked the board through a draft budget for 2019. The board requested no changes, so the draft budget was presented for adoption.

Motion to adopt the 2019 SPCC budget as presented. Motion approved.

V. SPCC Communication

Logo

Our Catchafire volunteer was asked to revise the draft logos presented to the board in November, based on board feedback. There hasn't been any response, so we're going to try using another online design service to actually create the logo based on the board feedback.

SPCC Website

The SPCC website is in need of a refresh. Staff asked the board for feedback on what they'd like to see in the new website design and content. Best practices for non-profit websites were highlighted by staff. Ideas for content from the board: links to community services (NW Family Services is example, 211, Help me Grow, IEIC); grantee page (as on existing); promoting more community/partner events; advocacy; blog (board and guests/partners); mission/vision/guiding principles (front and center); funding timelines; testimonials (from our organizational partners)

VI. Saint Paul Public Schools Data Update

Stacey Gray Akyea, director of Saint Paul Public Schools Research, Evaluation and Assessment Department presented on the district's data, starting with refresher on the SPPS new Strategic Plan and how data fits into that plan. Kindergarten readiness is an area of focus, and standard measures during PreK remain a challenge. Work Sampling is the measure they use with SPPS preK students. The board suggested that presenting the targets for both increasing outcomes AND decreasing racial disparities (student outcome index). SPCC would like to share notice of upcoming events where that specific information (student outcome index) will be presented publicly, so the board and our community

partners could be invited. The data Stacey presented is on the district's [data center](#), including disaggregation by race/ELL status. Graduation and MCA data are the focus of the state's new data disaggregation policy. There have been multiple challenges in the implementation, particularly due to challenges from MDE's processes (which should be resolved by December 2018).

VII. SPCC Strategic Plan: Reflections on 2018

In early 2018, the SPCC did some strategic planning/thinking about the focus areas of the SPCC. Staff shared the summary document and Thao asked board members to reflect on 2018: what are you proud of, in terms of SPCC's work; what might you want to improve or expand in 2019? Noecker feels like we are falling short of the potential of this group at our monthly meetings. Much of the meeting content is "updates" and not as much feeling of moving things forward, month-to-month. Carter said it has been helpful to narrow our focus, and thinks we can increase our capacity as we move forward. Consider organizing our thoughts about what we're funding, what we're influencing (policy), in a way that can be measured (how much did we do what we said we'd do). MartinRogers suggested that we could create subcommittees focused on particular issues/strategies that help move issues forward. Securing additional funding from other sources could help expand the work. Kilgore suggested that reviving the "Tech Team" may be useful to revisit the role of the implementers in terms of the decisions/priorities set by the board. Carter suggested that the disbanding of the Mayor's Education Leadership Team (MELT) may have created an opportunity for SPCC. McClain asked what common themes are contained at the policy tables at the district, county and city that can be taken out to the community by the board. Noecker said we could take one focus and do it for a year, working together. Thao talked about the sometimes non-intersecting "circles" of the grant making and the policy/advocacy. Vanderwert talked about sharing data on children/youth with the community and developing a community master plan for improving things in a coordinated way. Noecker – first two meetings of a year could be looking at the data around the specific issue of focus. January meeting could be spent on identifying the big issue of focus for 2019, February could be about data, and then get going on focused work.

SHARING/AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (DISCUSSION)

- Council for Black Male Success (Stephanie Battle)

Meeting adjourned 10:00.