



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

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Karri Kerns, Rebecca Noecker, Toni Carter, Heather Kilgore, Alfreda Flowers, Bruce Thao, Jackie Turner, Christine Smith, Jeannie Foster (for Mary Vanderwert)

Not in Attendance: Mary Vanderwert

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

Meeting called to order by Thao at 8:11 am.

I. Lighting of the Children's Fire

McGuire lit the Children's Fire with some Valentine's Day words about showing love and kindness to one another and the children in our lives. She also read Children Learn What They Live by Dorothy Law Nolte.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 10, 2018 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the January update from Advance Consulting and the January finance report. Second. Motion approved.

III. New Lens Urban Mentoring Advance - ACTION

New Lens Urban Mentoring, a new grantee for 2018-19, is experiencing a cash flow challenge and has officially requested an advance of \$10,000 from their \$85,000 grant. Materials regarding the request and the New Lens financials were provided to the board. Fiscal agent reviewed their financials and sees that they are definitely in need of an advance, and that providing those funds presents little risk to the SPCC. Fiscal agent would need board action AND an amendment to the grant agreement. Advance would offset payments for 2018 invoices submitted by New Lens.

Motion to approve advance of \$10,000 from the 2018-19 grant funds to New Lens Urban Mentoring and to recommend New Lens connect with Propel to secure fiscal management support. Second. Approved.

There was concern about the lack of any reserve funds indicated by this request. The board expressed support for their work and a desire to see the work proceed. Concern about whether the organization is focused enough on strengthening their processes and organization infrastructure. Request was made to New Lens check in with Propel (Stephanie Battle at the Saint Paul Foundation).

IV. SPCC Strategic Planning

Staff provided an overview of the youth master plan data (review for board). The strategic planning subgroup drafted a vision/mission/guiding principles document for the board to review/respond to. Staff shared a document showing other child/youth/family-focused organizations in Saint Paul, per board request. Then board members spent some time doing individual brainstorming to prepare for the March strategic planning discussion, sharing their individual results with staff.

Meeting adjourned 10:00.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA)
- Mayor-Elect Carter introduction
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle) – Summer April
- Interfaith’s new evaluation tool – Spring 2018
- Sharing information about funding opportunities with community partners
- Met Council come to talk about transportation
- New Chamber president - February

Next Meeting: EXTENDED TIME/SPECIAL LOCATION

March 14, 2018 from 8:00 – 11am at Northwest Area Foundation – 60 Plato Blvd. East, Suite 400, St. Paul, 55107 (4th Floor – Drake Building)