



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
FINAL Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
8:15- 10am @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Jane Eastwood, Mary Jo McGuire, Carol Dawson, Elona Street-Stewart, Chris Tolbert, Denise Stahura, Charles Gill, Carol Dawson

Others Present: Kristine Martin and Muneer Karcher-Ramos (Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood); Cindi Yang & Monique Barnes (Neighborhood House); Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinators); Mike Hagen (SPCC Fiscal Agent)

Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:19 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Carter lit the Children's Fire with words about how we are all rocks, standing in the middle of the stream. We have the ability to divert the flow, so when we see things are not going the way we want them to for our children, we have the power to change their path. We want to send them toward the destiny they deserve. Our greatest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. We need to face that fear and be the rocks to divert the flow.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 12, 2013 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the June update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood Update

Kristine Martin and Muneer Karcher-Ramos from Wilder gave an update on what's happening in the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. The presentation slides will be sent out to the Board.

IV. Youth Master Plan

There was discussion of the draft Learn, Grow, Thrive RFP prepared by staff based on previous direction from the Board. The board used the discussion guide prepared by staff. Decisions were as follows:

- Youth Master Plan goal focus –keep all six goals as part of the RFP.
- Population focus – continue focus on serving African American and American Indian children/youth
- Two year grant period
- Maximum grant amount \$150K
- Total grant funding reserved for other 2014 grant making = \$300,000
- \$900,000 grant pool for this RFP
- Current applicants can reapply.
- Applicants should demonstrate diverse base of funding.
- Demonstrate culturally-based approaches.
- Reserve \$150K of the \$900K for grantees serving American Indian children/youth. Proposed process:
 - Issue RFP
 - Require that any proposal targeting American Indian children/youth be primarily focused on that population.
 - Reach out to American Indian focused organizations to encourage them to submit grant proposals.
 - Receive and review proposals.
 - If no satisfactory American Indian proposals, then continue work with American Indian organization(s) to develop a strong plan that the Board could support funding.

There was discussion of who should serve on the Learn, Grow, Thrive grant review committee this year. The grant review committee will include Commissioner McGuire, Council Member Tolbert, and staff, as well as two community representatives (TBD). Staff will ask Tech Team member Robert McClain to be on the review committee, and board members will send additional recommendations for the remaining community reviewer to staff this week.

V. Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee: Neighborhood House

Cindi Yang and Monique Barnes from Learn, Grow, Thrive grantee neighborhood House gave an update on their grant's progress. Please take the time to watch this great overview video on Neighborhood House's diverse programming at: <http://www.neighb.org/aboutus.aspx> (click video box right under the top banner).

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Overview of child welfare system in Ramsey County
- Future community of care topics: scaling up evidence using SPPN as example; parent engagement.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.