



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
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, Molly Cave, Heather Kilgore, Cedrick Baker, Daniel Yang

Board Members Absent: Bruce Thao

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

Guests Present: Joe Munnich (Generation Next); Randi Roth (Interfaith Action); Mitch WalkingElk and youth (Nina Bergland, Nolan Bergland, Achile Day, Nathan Bergland) and a parent (Diana Johnson) (Indigenous Youth Mentoring Society); Bavong Thao (SPCC Fiscal Agent from Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health)

Meeting called to order by Carter at 8:10 am.

I. Lighting of the Children's Fire

Yang lit the Children's Fire by sharing thoughts on Children's Defense Fund's Marion Wright Edelman's advice that service to others is the rent that we pay for being here. Peggy Flannagan (Lt. Governor-elect) also advises that service to others is also a privilege. We are privileged to be here in service of children/youth.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 10, 2018 Board Meetings as amended and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting and the October finance report. Second. Motion approved.

III. Data and & Evaluation

Interfaith Action Evaluation Model for Youth Development

Nicole MartinRogers (SPCC Board, but in her role with Wilder Research) and Randi Roth from Interfaith Action gave an overview of their new approach to evaluating youth development programs. They suggested we could ask applicants or grantees a few questions related to this approach/these outcomes, or perhaps develop a short survey. We could use the questions in the culturally specific evaluation framework that Interfaith shared. Kilgore talked about this being a framework that helps the district figure out where homework help fits within how we think about children's development. They gave suggestions of how SPCC could disseminate this work: inform funders, inform practitioners, and reflect this approach in our next RFP.

Community-level Data

Joe Munnich from Generation Next shared the new data dashboards, which allow disaggregation of Saint Paul-specific data on children and youth outcomes. The data is disaggregated much more than we've seen before – for example, Somali and Black, or Hmong and Asian. They also have a more robust measure of social/emotional development.

IV. SPCC Focus Area: Out of School Time

Mitch WalkingElk and youth and a parent from Indigineous Youth Ceremonial Mentoring Society gave a report on their trip to Rome. This program has been a SPCC grantee for 4.5 years. Their trip to Rome was related to the Doctrine of Discovery, the papal bulls put into effect by the Catholic church that are oppressive, harmful and genocidal to native people around the world. They contacted an attorney to help them arrange a meeting with Vatican officials and did 17 months of planning. A documentary is being made – called The Doctrine – about this trip. They are working on setting up an additional meeting with Vatican officials. The youth talked about the impact of the program on their lives, their development as Native people, and the ability to heal historical trauma. A mother spoke about the power of witnessing the youth speaking out during the trip, and the power of their voices and the strength that comes from this.

V. SPCC Administration

Draft 2019 Budget

Bavong Thao, SPCC Fiscal Agent, presented the draft 2019 budget to the board. The board will vote on the budget at the December annual meeting.

Nominating Committee: 2019 Officer Slate

McGuire gave a report on status of the 2019 officer slate for SPCC. Note that we need a slate of officers for 2019, as each officer term is just one year. Officers are permitted to serve two consecutive terms in a position, which means that Thao (Chair) and Vanderwert (Secretary) are eligible for a second term, but Thao is unable to serve as Chair. Carter (Vice Chair) and Noecker (Treasurer) need to be replaced in their officer roles. The slate will be presented for the December annual meeting.

Logos for SPCC

Anders shared the draft new SPCC logo options prepared by our Catchafire volunteer. Staff will send them out for board review/feedback.

Administrative Support for SPCC

(Staff left for this portion of the meeting.) McClain and MartinRogers updated the board on their subcommittee work around administrative support for the SPCC in 2019 and beyond. MartinRogers took the following notes:

Discussion of how to regularly evaluate the SPCC administrative consultants and to establish a cycle for issuing RFPs for SPCC's consulting and administrative support. This would ensure we continue to seek fresh, innovative, and competitive ideas and bids from interested parties who may want to serve the SPCC in this function (best practices for a government or quasi-government entity), and to ensure the SPCC retains its identity and mission and that our consultants represent us in this way.

MartinRogers presented a summary of recommendations that were developed by the previously established subcommittee of Nicole, Robert, and Bruce. These recommendations included beginning a process now to evaluate our current consultants, including developing a rubric against which to evaluate them, gathering more information through an interview with the consultants about the outcomes or impacts of their work, and doing a grantee survey. This is the first item that was approved by the board as noted below, so the subcommittee will proceed with these steps and bring a report back to the SPCC board in December 2018, or January 2019 at the latest.

The second item we discussed and approved was to continue the contract with Advance Consulting through 2019, with similar scope as for 2018.

The third item discussed and approved was to establish a regular cycle for annual consultant evaluation, starting around August of each year to allow for a consultant evaluation report to be prepared by a SPCC board subcommittee by October, to allow for RFPs to be issued by November, and consultants to be selected by December, to begin work in January of the next year. The SPCC board will complete annual contracts with the selected consultant and will have the option to issue an RFP at the end of every year, based on consultant performance and other considerations. The SPCC board will automatically issue an RFP at least every four years (regardless of satisfaction with current consultants) starting in 2019, for the consultant to begin work in 2020. Ramsey County can manage this process, according to the two county commissioners in the room.

Motion to annually evaluate administrative support contractors, to continue to contract with Advance Consulting LLC for 2019, and to issue an RFP every four years for administrative support, starting with 2020 contract, with Ramsey County managing the RFP process. Motion approved.

SHARING/AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (DISCUSSION)

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA)
- Council for Black Male Success (Stephanie Battle)

Meeting adjourned 10:10.