



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12, 2013
8:15- 10am @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Mary Jo McGuire, Elona Street-Stewart, Denise Stahura, Charles Gill, Carol Dawson, Tyrize Cox, Toni Carter, Jackie Turner

Others Present: Dave Larson and Robert McClain (Review Team); Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinators); Mike Hagen (SPCC Fiscal Agent)

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

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Boyd lit the Children's Fire by sharing words of her grandson James Franklin Boyd, when asked, "what do children need?" He responded,

"We need someone to explain what we don't understand. We need help in school and outside of school with life experiences. We need to learn from the life experiences of others. When we need help and don't know how to ask for it, you should sense that we are having trouble and are lost; but you have to know us in order to do that. From our home and community we learn how to act and be respectful, how to understand different characteristics and personalities. The inside the school people and the outside the school people can give each other advice about what they know works because they know the person."

She also shared "12 Questions I wish Someone Would Ask Me," which she created with Jackie Levin as part of their work with youth in Saint Paul. Copies were shared with the Board.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 9, 2013 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Youth Master Plan Data

The Youth Master Plan data update for 2013 is printed. Staff asked the Board to help with identifying stakeholders who should receive hard copies of the data. It will also be posted on our website at www.stpaulkids.org. It will go to our community partners in hard copy this month. Consider doing a County Board workshop or presentation at Board meeting; Library Board; City Council; School Board; and Community of Care.

IV. 2014-15 Learn, Grow, Thrive Grants

Grant Review and Recommendation

The Board was joined by David Larson and Robert McClain, members of the Review Committee. In terms of process, all the American Indian-focused applicants were included in the pool for the Review Team, regardless of their screening score. The Review Team met twice as a whole, and conducted six site visits. The Board extended gratitude to the community members of the Review Team, in particular.

**Motion to support the recommendations of the grant Review Team.
Motion approved unanimously.**

The total recommendation for American Indian specific grants is approximately \$221,300.

Denise disclosed that Minnesota Reading Corps has programs at CAP/RW. No other conflicts were disclosed.

LCTS Payment Structure

Current SPCC policy is that we do not pay for administrative expenses for our direct service grantees. Staff and fiscal agent sought to work with DHS and Ramsey County since the last Board meeting. Recommendation to the Board is that we structure the new grant agreements on a pay per participant basis. We would ask the grantees to specify their deliverables. The Board would be interested in having DHS come to explain their LCTS spending restrictions. There is nothing that prohibits the SPCC from continuing our current reimbursement structure. In the next round of grant making, we could pilot the per participant model. The logic pilot would be Freedom School. We need to make it worth the while of participants to apply for this funding.

V. Nominations for Board: 2014

We need nominees in December. Current officers have not yet served their second of two possible terms. Community member Mary K Boyd's term as a Board member expires in December. School Board member Elona Street-Stewart is leaving the

School Board and the School Board must appoint her replacement to the SPCC. Dawson relayed that she is in an extended term at this point, and would be willing to step aside if another community member is interested in serving. There was discussion of including Promise Neighborhood rep on the Board. Staff will meet with the Nominating Committee prior to the next meeting.

VI. Every Body's In

Boyd, Cox, Dawson, Carter were part of the launch events. The focus is on educating and developing our youth. One of the prompting documents was Dr. Patricia Moore [Harbour's](#) book, *Community Educators : A Resource for Educating and Developing our Youth*. This is the start of a movement, and Boyd asked how the SPCC could plug in to support the work. The goal is to take the work statewide. What is each of our own personal commitment to supporting the education of our youth? How do we marry data, spirit and accountability? The Commitment Forms will go to all Board members.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Future community of care topics: scaling up evidence using SPPN as example; parent engagement.
- Invite newly elected officials to the December or January board meeting to facilitate some transition.
- 2014 Budget and SPCC Staffing
- Freedom School Evaluation
- RT Rybak come to talk about Generation Next

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.