



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Jean O'Connell, Tyrize Cox, Toni Carter, Mary Jo McGuire, Jackie Turner, Robert McClain, Deb Moses, Chris Tolbert (until 9), Charles Gill (until 9)

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

Meeting called to order by O'Connell at 8:20 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Carter lit the Children's Fire with a story about a farmer. As we seed, continue to turn over the ground, and nurture our children, we will reap great harvest.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 11, 2015 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the March update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Youth Master Plan: RFP

Advance Consulting shared a draft of a Request for Proposals that would fund projects aligned with our Youth Master Plan in 2016-17. The board provided feedback in detail to revise the RFP. Next month we will discuss the review committee.

Suggestion for community review team members – ask Elona Street-Stewart, Kathy Denman-Wilke. Turner suggested that we connect with Wilder Community Leadership program and the district's Parent Advisory groups. We will revisit the review committee composition at the May meeting.

Cox gave an update on GradNation activities. Attendance Matters will be broadened this year, switching from just an “awareness” campaign to a “DO” campaign. They still need to work to identify action items from schools. The response last year was very positive – ran out of materials due to community demand. They also need to discuss how to measure success. There is some community pressure to tie Attendance Matters to health disparities, although that is out of the district’s realm of influence. They are trying to look at data on chronic health conditions and their connection to attendance. One perspective for SPCC – that using a public health lens may improve our work.

IV. Youth Master Plan: Kindergarten Readiness – Head Start Overview

Deb Moses, SPCC Board member and Head Start Director for CAP/RW gave the board an overview of the Head Start program serving children in Saint Paul. She talked about how they measure school readiness, how they measure other aspects of program quality, their program components, and spoke about the ways they use data to drive instruction and program improvement. Head Start would be interested in seeing the results for their kids in third grade reading and other K-12 outcomes. There is a legislative issue around assignment of MMARS numbers to allow this kind of longitudinal analysis. Waiting list is currently 600 children for Head Start in Ramsey. The SPCC could take on this data sharing issue – be the driver for this issue. We should include first ring suburbs (Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative) districts, state Head Start Association, and district REA and legislative staff. Suggestion that we start with Ramsey county. North Saint Paul and SPPS would be ideal initial partners.

V. My Brother’s Keeper

Carter gave an update on My Brother’s Keeper activities. June 2 is the Ramsey County My Brother’s Keeper’s kickoff. The idea is to build a continuum of services for all children in our community. Keith Allen is the leader of this effort for Ramsey County. There are a number of dates listed in the Advance Consulting update for upcoming My Brother’s Keeper events.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Collaborative Factors Inventory: Participation
- New Lens Urban Mentoring overview
- Ramsey County Human Services regarding wraparound services
- Kent Pekel from Search Institute– caring adults
- Ramsey Interagency Early Intervention Council – Help Me Grow, SPPN Screening Group and GenNext Screening work group
- Michael Rodriguez from the UM on Minnesota Student Survey (social emotional, connection to one or more caring adults, etc.)
- Follow-up deeper discussions on Collaborative Factors Inventory results: multiple layers of participation; sufficient funds/resources; appropriate pace of development; history of collaborative in the community.

- Presentation of school district outcome data based that more clearly disaggregates “Asian” students.
- Ryan O’Connor reorganization of Ramsey County into service teams. Keith Allen to talk about continuum of services.
- Invite David Pinto to board meeting.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am