



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Bruce Thao, Karri Kearns, Noel Nix (representing Commissioner Carter)

Not in Attendance: Toni Carter, Jackie Turner, Heather Kilgore, Alfreda Flowers, Rebecca Noecker, Mary Vanderwert, Peter Grafstrom, Anna Ross

Staff Present: Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinator)

Meeting called to order by McClain at 8:25 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Kearns lit the Children's Fire with some community prayers for children, adapted from a writing of Marian Wright Edelman.

II. Consent Agenda – Tabled until September due to lack of quorum

Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2017 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the July update from Advance Consulting and the July finance reports. Motion approved.

On June 27, McClain closed an electronic motion to move \$87,500 from the "Available Restricted Fund" to the "Community Agency Grant" line item in the 2017 SPCC budget to support the previously approved amendment to the Interfaith grant agreement ending December 31, 2017. Motion approved with Thao and Grafstrom abstaining.

III. SPCC Administration

SPCC Staffing

Per the Board's request, Advance Consulting facilitated a discussion about alternative models for how to staff the SPCC in 2018 and beyond. Materials from last time this discussion arose (2008) were included in the board packet as background. There are a

number of issues/decisions that would need to be resolved to hire an employee. McClain clarified that no action is necessary, but it is the obligation of the board to have the conversation without non-board members present (i.e. consultants/staff). There was discussion about doing an RFP for administrative support. There was discussion about having contracted administrative support being the preferred alternative, given the costs/decisions associated with hiring a staff person. This needs to be on the agenda for September.

Nominees

Four candidates responded to our notice seeking nominees for new Community Representative (alternate). Their bios were provided to the Board in the board packet, and each committed to being available to attend meetings on our regular schedule. There was strong consensus that they are all incredible candidates! Lacking a quorum, the members in attendance discussed all nominees and asked that Deatrick LaPointe and Christine Smith be forwarded to the full board, electronically, as the two nominees for the alternate community member spot. The board should also act to switch Alfreda Flowers from alternate to community representative.

There is a need to revisit and revise the bylaws. There should be a subcommittee to review the bylaws and recommend any necessary changes. Christa, Grafstrom and McClain will be on the subcommittee. They will also create a board characteristics matrix.

IV. Overview of Saint Paul 3K Blueprint Project

In the spring, the Board expanded the scope of Advance Consulting's contract to support the development of a blueprint for a citywide "3K" program. They presented the current status of the blueprint to the board, acknowledging that the work won't be finalized and presented to the SPCC Board until the September board meeting. The board is expecting the final blueprint at the September meeting.

V. Sharing & Discussion

Meeting adjourned 10:10.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA); Eastside middle school proposal (Turner) – AFTER March 2017
- Ramsey County Attorney – Triad, juvenile justice, school violence
- Ramsey County Youth Continuum of Care (McGuire/Carter)
- City Education Update: Parent Powered Texting (Grafstrom)
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle)
- Dr. Gothard – October or December?

Next meeting: September 13, 2017 from 8:15 – 10am at CAP/RW.