



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, December 10, 2014  
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Jane Eastwood (departed 8:55 – Boyd took over as Chair), Jean O'Connell, Deb Moses, Robert McClain, Mary K Boyd, Tyrize Cox, Mary Jo McGuire, Carol Dawson, Toni Carter, Jackie Turner (joined 8:50), Chris Tolbert (joined 9:10)

**Guests Present:** Muneer Karcher Ramos and Ebony Young (Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood), Jon Petersen and Darcell Hill (Saint Paul Public Schools – Freedom School)

**Staff Present:** Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinators); Mike Hagen (SPCC Fiscal Agent)

**Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:22 am.**

**I. Call to Order and Children's Fire**

Deb Moses lit the Children's Fire with words about this time of reflection, as we live in country that is not being fair and just to all people. We all have to figure out how we can make a difference – we can't get tired. She drew parallels between what happened with the Holocaust (which was legal under German law at that time) and what is happening here, and the need for us all to be vigilant. She shared a quote from Pablo Casals:

*Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that will never be again And what do we teach our children? We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move. You may become a Shakespeare, a Michaelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then*

*harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must work, we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children."*

## **II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes November 12, 2014 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the November update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.**

## **III. 2015 SPCC Officer Nominees**

Mary K Boyd and Jane Eastwood (Nominating Committee) presented the following slate of officer nominees for the one year term beginning January 1, 2015. Chair – Jean O’Connell, Vice Chair – Robert McClain, Secretary – Chris Tolbert, and Treasurer – Mary Jo McGuire.

**Motion to accept the slate of officers recommended. Motion approved unanimously.**

## **IV. 2015 SPCC Budget**

Mike Hagen, fiscal agent, presented the draft 2015 budget, which was also presented in summary at the November meeting. If the board chooses to continue in current policy of spending the previous year’s LCTS funds for grant, then of the \$717,150 in the budget for grants, \$450K would be reserved for the RFP and the remainder of \$267,000 would be available for off-cycle grants.

**Motion to accept the 2015 budget as presented. Motion approved unanimously.**

There was a discussion to approach the City of Saint Paul to increase their partner contribution for 2016 from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

## **V. Promise Fellow**

The application for Promise Fellows for 2015-16 is due in early January. The board got a qualitative update on the progress of the current Promise Fellow. The match for 2015-16 amount is \$6,900, which is the same as last year.

**Motion to approve \$6,900 to provide the match for a second year of the American Indian Promise Fellow. Motion approved unanimously.**

## **VI. Freedom School Summer 2014**

### ***Reading by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Grantee Reports***

Muneer Karcher Ramos and Ebony Young (Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood), Jon Petersen and Darcell Hill (Saint Paul Public Schools – Freedom School) gave the board a summary of the summer 2014 Freedom School in the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood, funded in part through a grant from SPCC. Results were impressive,

except for one major shortfall: Targets (Actuals): Serve 350 children/youth (262); Serve 175 parents (156); Six weeks programming (six weeks); 85% consistent attendance of 85% or more (99%); 85% maintain or improve reading proficiency (96%); 85% maintain or improve positive self-esteem (92%); 85% maintain or improve positive behavior/social skills (92%); and 80% of parents participate consistently in Parent Academy (83%). \$230K covered 153 slots. In 2014, grant amount was \$200K and the target was 350 students. The total per pupil cost was \$1,150.

Ebony Young spoke to her experience as a parent with children in Freedom School. She talked about the huge impact of the Freedom School staff actually living in her community.

Questions from the board: Why was YPQA not administered? They feel the Basic Reading Inventory takes kids out of programming, then the YPQA would also take more time away from the intervention. There is a need to balance how many assessments happen during the program. We should discuss what assessments we require in future years.

Given the shortfall in participation, SPCC staff recommend the grant payment should total \$168,426.70, which is the pro-rated cost for only serving 262 scholars at the Rondo site (the calculation is \$642.85 per child x 262=\$168,426.70). The \$642.85 per child, up to \$200,000, is the per participant amount written into the SPCC/Wilder and SPPS/Wilder agreements. The board suggested that staff from SPPS, Promise Neighborhood and SPCC figure out how to proceed with determining the payment amount. Muneer Karcher-Ramos shared the SPPN Impact Report, and talked about the focus on results-based accountability.

## **VII. Family Academy**

Tyrize Cox from Saint Paul Public Schools gave the board an overview of the Family Academy program offered to parents through Saint Paul Public Schools.

### **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Update on My Brother's Keeper (Jane Eastwood – January)
- Discussion of Affordable Care Act and impact on Saint Paul children/youth
- 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
- Check in with Breaking Free mid-way through the school year
- Michael Rodriguez from the UM on Minnesota Student Survey (social emotional, connection to one or more caring adults, etc.)

**Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am**

**DRAFT 2015 BUDGET**  
**SAINT PAUL CHILDREN'S COLLABORATIVE**

Budget 1/1/15 thru 12/31/15

**REVENUE & FUND BALANCE**

<b>LCTS Revenue</b> (SFY 2014)	
July thru Sept, 2013 - Actual	101,098
Oct - Dec, 2013 - Actual	200,243
Jan thru March, 2014 - Actual	194,521
April thru June, 2014 - Actual	<u>221,044</u>
<b>Total LCTS Revenue</b>	<b>716,906</b>
<b>Annual Contributions of Partners</b>	
City of St Paul	10,000
County of Ramsey	40,000
Community Action Partnership	10,000
Saint Paul Public Schools	<u>40,000</u>
<b>Total Administrative Revenue</b>	<b>100,000</b>
Misc Recoveries	
Interest	<u>244</u>
	244
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Net Unrestricted Assets Used	11,800
Net Restricted Assets Used	-
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<b>TOTAL FINANCING</b>	<b><u>828,950</u></b>

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Available for Awards	<u>717,150</u>
<b>Community Agency Grants</b>	<b>717,150</b>
Administrative Consultant	100,000
Stipends	1,800
Misc Admin Expenses	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Admin Total</b>	<b>111,800</b>
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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b><u>828,950</u></b>

This budget uses all of the available restricted fund balance from previous years.

Note: these numbers do not include LCTS earned in SFY 2015. LCTS revenue from the previous state fiscal year and fund balance are used to fund the current year's budget