Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
8:00– 10:00 @ CAP/RW

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Alfreda Flowers, Mary Vanderwert, Rebecca Noecker, Nicole MartinRogers, Mary Jo McGuire, Toni Carter, Heather Kilgore, Daniel Yang, Molly Cave, Cedrick Baker, Hoang Murphy

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: Sarah Erickson (legislative relations from the Saint Paul Public Schools)

Meeting called to order by Carter at 8:00 am.

   I.   **Lighting of the Children's Fire**
Baker lit the Children's Fire with a story of an experience at one of the SPPS elementary school, where three kids were taking turns reading a passage. One of the students was struggling with the effort, and the potential shame and embarrassment that comes with struggle. It's incumbent on us to provide support to students in a way that is respectful and supportive, not stigmitzing. He also asked us to view data as children/students, not just numbers.

   II.   **Consent Agenda**

   Motion to approve the Minutes from the December 12, 2018 Annual Meeting and accept the information contained in the December update from Advance Consulting and the December finance report. Second. Motion approved.

  III.   **SPCC Board: Welcome New Community Representative**
The Board welcome Hoang Murphy as our newest Community Representative. Bruce Thao, departing Community Representative, was unable to join us for this final meeting, but staff

will express the Board's deep appreciation for his service and give him his farewell memento from the Board.

IV. SPCC Partner Legislative Agendas
As a reminder, the SPCC Board endorsed the Ignite agenda seeking state funding for out of school time programming, and asked all our organizational partners to do the same.

Noecker and Yang shared information on the City's legislative agenda for 2019. The City has a section on lifelong learning, which includes an endorsement of the Ignite agenda. Another youth-related is the College Savings Account pilot, and funding for Right Track and other youth jobs.

McGuire and Carter cochair the legislative committee for Ramsey County. They presented the Ignite agenda to the County for support, bringing it forward as a potential addition, so the County's legislative team could help the coalition work on this. Other related items include health and wellness, priorities in public safety and economic development.

Sarah Erikcson (legislative affiars from SPPS), Vanderwert and Baker shared info about the District's 2019 agenda. They have a number of appropriation requests/increase requests at the center of their request, particularly increase to the formula, funding Special Education, and Voluntary PreK. The district is supportive of funding for out-of-school time services but the Ignite out-of-school-time funding is not on their agenda as a specific item. Cedrick said he will talk to district legislative affairs to see if they could call it out specifically as an item they support. They also have an agenda item about funding Metro Transit to support high school students to access their services, which is consistent with the SPCC priorities.

A future role for SPCC, next session, would be to convene government and non-government partners to ask for common language around youth/families agenda to that policy makers see the same requests over and over. This would be in preparation for the 2020 session. There needs to be intentional effort for at least the SPCC partner organizations to confer and coordinate.

V. SPCC Administration
The fiscal agent asked for a motion to invoice the City, County, District and CAP/RW for their financial contributions to the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative for 2019.

> **Motion to invoice all organizational partners for their 2019 funding committed to the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative budget, including City of Saint Paul for $20,000, Ramsey County for $50,000, Saint Paul Public School District for $50,000 and CAP/RW for $10,000. Motion approved.**

The Youth Master Plan data is updated every two years, and is due for updating in 2019. Staff asked for Board authorization to enter into a contract with Wilder to update the date. In 2017, the cost was approximately $6,400 and staff expects this update to be in that same range.

Motion to contract with Wilder Research to update the Youth Master Plan data in 2019. Second. Motion approved. (MartinRogers abstained from voting due to conflict of interest due to her employment with Wilder.)

In addition, the Board decided in November 2018 to conduct an annual evaluation of the Board's operations, including the performance of the administrative support consultants. MartinRogers and McClain prepared a plan for this evaluation (included with board packet). The board discussed the draft plan. Board should send feedback on the two draft surveys to MartinRogers by the end of January.

In late 2018, the Board voted to put out an RFP seeking administrative support for the Collaborative in 2019, for a four-year contract. To move this recommendation, a subcommittee is needed.

Motion to appoint an Administrative Support Subcomittee with MartinRogers, Carter and McClain as members. Second. Motion approved.

VI. **SPCC Strategic Priorities for 2019**
Staff surveyed the Board asking each board member to identify a priority for board focus in 2019. Staff shared the survey results and the Board discussed them. Carter posed the question about whether the Board should focus solely on out-of-school time or keep some attention on other issues. Should there be more board work done through subcommittees? The survey seems to lead to out-of-school-time (OST) as a focus. Focus a meeting or two hearing from experts about the biggest gaps in OST. For example, with the change in school start times, is there an opportunity to focus on a measurable way to track progress? There is a lot of energy around both data sharing and OST. The data sharing relates to the MDE data disaggregation efforts, the joint powers agreement, and other pressing issues. Kilgore pointed out that while SPPS may house the data, it really belongs to children and families, and until families have a real voice in how their data is shared/used, the district will continue to default to less data sharing. There are two kinds of "data sharing" – sharing data with stakeholders about what we know about how children/youth/families are doing; and then figuring out more "official" and technical strategies for sharing data across entities to be more proactive in providing services/supports as needed. McClain pointed out that we are a funding entity, and that in that role, data sharing isn't really something we can do. McGuire pointed out that in our collaborative role, data sharing is appropriate. MartinRogers pointed out that evaluation may be the place where the two priorities intersect. Murphy points out that even in our grant-making role, given the limited funding, we need to better KNOW the grantees and the families they serve (using summer learning loss as an example). Transportation is a barrier and a faciliator for OST, too.

Carter summarized that we do have a clear programming/funding priority around OST, but to do that, we need good data/good use of data to support OST programming.

Transportation is necessary for effective OST programming, as well, although it isn't necessarily something SPCC will focus on in 2019. Carter offered to speak to Commissioner

Ortega about pushing the Regional Rail Authority to take the transportation issue on as a priority. SPCC could send a written request to Ramsey County Regional Rail to present our support for transit support for youth. Staff will bring a draft to the February meeting.

SHARING/AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (DISCUSSION)

- Council for Black Male Sucess (Stephanie Battle)
- Discussion with Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative; Children's Mental Health Collaborative

Meeting adjourned 10:00.