



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

**Board Members Present:** Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Heather Kilgore, Jackie Turner Alfreda Flowers, Toni Carter, Bruce Thao, Rebecca Noecker, Karri Kearns

**Not in Attendance:** Anna Ross, Mary Vanderwert, Peter Grafstrom

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

**Guests:** Breakthrough Twin Cities (Josh Reimnitz, Executive Director and Daniel Bernal,  
Senior Program Director)

**Meeting called to order by McClain at 8:20 am.**

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

Flowers lit the Children's Fire with her personal story of being a mother of eight children and being a community mother. She shared that after her husband passed away, she went through an eight-year healing process, which resulted in Youth Values for Life (now Family Values for Life). They work holistically with parents and children/youth, wrapping their arms around those families, knowing that moms need to be healthy in order to raise healthy children.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 12, 2017 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting and the April finance reports. Motion approved.**

**III. Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee Presentations**

Josh Reimnitz, Executive Director and Daniel Bernal, Senior Program Director

from Breakthrough Twin Cities gave an overview of their Learn, Grow, Thrive-grant funded activities and outcomes. There was also discussion of the lessons learned through the challenges of the past year, and their plans for the future. Revenue diversification is a critical priority. The organization is increasingly financially healthy and the focus on the goal of strengthening participation of African American students.

The SPCC Board agreed that in the future, we should ask for a letter from any Saint Paul Public School or district listed as a partner on one of the SPCC grant applications. This will provide a better picture of what is an actual in-kind contribution and what is an actual financial contribution.

#### **IV. Presentation/Discussion/Action: Learn, Grow, Thrive RFP**

There was discussion of the current draft of the RFP, including discussion of requiring letters of support from SPPS when grantees indicate the district is providing direct or in-kind support of their work (Kilgore is district contact for this.) Also discussion of changes to the RFP, and requiring a letter of intent first, then inviting applicants. Move Community of Care meeting up to June (prior to Letter of Intent deadline). Set aside \$50K for small organizations (annual budgets less than \$100K) to provide catalytic funding through a separate pool.

#### **V. SPCC Nominees**

Anna Ross, Community Representative from the American Indian community, notified the Board of her intent to step down due to many competing personal and professional demands on her time. She and Bruce Thao each suggested potential replacement nominees, and the Anna sent each of their bios to the board on May 4. McClain suggested we table the discussion and allow potential nominees to attend a meeting and/or talk to the current board members/staff to determine if they are interested and able to fulfill the commitment involved.

#### **VI. Sharing & Discussion**

##### **Meeting adjourned 10:06.**

##### **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)
- SPPS services for Dual Language Learner students (Dr. Yeu Vang)
- Parent Powered Texting (Grafstrom)
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle)
- Dr. Gothard – July or August

**Next meeting: June 14, 2017 from 8:15 – 10am at CAP/RW.**