



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Jean O'Connell, Tyrize Cox, Mary Jo McGuire, Robert McClain, Chris Tolbert, Jane Eastwood, Mary K Boyd, Carol Dawson

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

Guest: Tom Latimer (Nystrom & Associates), Keith Allen (Ramsey County Continuum of Care)

Meeting called to order by O'Connell at 8:21 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Boyd lit the Children's Fire with a reminder that we cannot forget the children's voices. She read from an essay on the education of black children, with contributions from James Franklin Boyd. He said children need adults to help and support and listen and know them. Parents are very important educators – kids need to know their history and how it connects with subjects taught in school. Black kids need to learn all they can, to prepare them to deal with white supremacy their whole lives.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 8, 2015 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Youth Master Plan: RFP

The Board discussed the list of possible community reviewers for the proposals received through the upcoming RFP process. There was discussion that it is a

challenge for non-board members to review proposals, since they don't have much background or knowledge about the SPCC's mission and priorities. Two ideas – one is to stay with current plan (2 community reviewers, with potential be to future board members but invite them to board meetings in advance of the review process OR have four board members. Agreement to go with 2 community and 2 board review team members, but to ask the community members to sit in on one or more board meetings prior to review.

At the March meeting, the board approved a grant to Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood for their summer programs: Bell Power Scholars and Freedom School, with the condition that at least 95% of the targeted number of students participate and that the programs use the same assessments to measure outcomes. The grantee agreed to the 95% served target, but the two program models differ in content and goals, and thus they cannot agree to use the same assessments for measuring outcomes.

Motion that the grant to Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood be amended to remove the condition that the two programs use the same assessment tools to measure outcomes. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Youth Master Plan Goals: Connection to Ramsey County

Keith Allen gave an overview of the County's Continuum of Care work. There was a suggestion from the board that Keith talk to the Saint Paul Police Department and other local police departments, as much of this work is triggered by Police action. Also, Ramsey County should connect with the City's Sprockets organization/infrastructure.

V. My Brother's Keeper

A number of members of the SPCC board and staff have been involved in various My Brother's Keeper groups (fundors table, Cities, Ramsey County). Ramsey County has hired a project manager for the Ramsey County event. Both groups are having events in the next month. The City group has a deadline to be done by next Tuesday. They agreed to adopt a set of principles, which become the "plan." They will have a Community Advisory Network. Their focus is dramatically influence places where decisions are being made. The structure is not yet determined. One idea is to have SPCC and Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board provide some infrastructure. There were questions about what that would mean. Eastwood said that at this point, the request is for SPCC and YCB to explore what it would mean to be in this convener role, and what resources would be required to do so. There will be a proposal brought back to the Board.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- New Lens Urban Mentoring overview
- 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.
- Invite David Pinto to board meeting.
- Child Protection Services Redesign report from Commissioner Carter

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am