



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, November 12, 2014  
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Jane Eastwood, Jean O'Connell, Deb Moses, Robert McClain, Mary K Boyd, Tyrize Cox, Mary Jo McGuire

**Guests Present:** Sarah Koschinska and Rashelle Holmgren (PPL – Fort Road Flats), Gevonee Ford (NdCAD)

**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**

Mary Jo McGuire lit the Children's Fire with words about recent events: last week's election; the anniversary of the destruction of the Berlin Wall; the birthday of Elizabeth Cady Stanton; and Veteran's Day. She then read a message of hope that accompanies the change of seasons.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes October 8, 2014 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved once quorum was attained.**

**III. Youth Master Plan**

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

Gevonee Ford from NdCAD gave a mid-grant update on the Learn, Grow, Thrive grant (\$145K over two years). He spent the majority of his time talking about the root issues that impede education for African American children: countering self-doubt, deconstructing myths, and combating individualism. Challenges -

transportation; mis-education of Black people in American (myth that education is only about school, ignoring the long fight for justice by African Americans to gain the right to be educated and their commitment to education). They have a chapter in a new book: [Six Lenses for Anti-Oppressive Education](#).

Sarah Koschinska and Rashelle Holmgren from Project for Pride in Living gave an update on the grant to support the project at Fort Road Flats (\$105K over two years).

***Wilder Contract: Data Analysis for Year 2 Youth Master Plan Update***

Advance Consulting explained that due to an error in the data submitted to Wilder Research by Ramsey County, the Wilder contract for analyzing and presenting the data needs to be increased by \$600. This error was outside Wilder’s control and added additional time to the project.

**Motion to approve an increase in Wilder’s contract for analyzing Youth Master Plan data by \$600. Motion approved.**

**IV. Every Body’s In Update**

Mary K Boyd and Gevonee Ford gave an update on the Every Body’s In event held on October 4, 2014, including distribution of the final report on the event. There was discussion about how the Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative is in a unique position to nurture the discussion about how education really does need to mean that all of us are engaged in the education of our children. We have come to a place where we’ve allowed “systems” to set themselves up as separate from the people – when those systems really **are** the people. The systems need to acknowledge that there is value in allowing “everybody” to participate. There is a first draft of an Every Body’s In toolkit is available by contacting Lana Harris 612-200-9280.

**V. My Brother’s Keeper**

Mayor Coleman and Mayor Hodges are convening a conversation today to gather information about community efforts happening to support boys and men of color. The goal is to leverage and lift up the existing work in the community.

**VI. 2015 Preliminary Budget Discussion and Action**

Fiscal Agent Hagen provided the board with a draft budget for 2015 and walked them through the detail. Partner contributions have remained at the same level since 2004. The budget will require action at the December annual meeting. Due to contracting process changes at Ramsey County, Hagen is concerned that the contract for administrative services will not be in place by January 1 if the Board waits to take action until December, so there was discussion about approving the contract for administrative support. The annual contract maximum amount remains the same as it has been since 2007. The proposed scope for 2015 was presented to the board. There was direction to approach all SPCC partners to increase partner contributions, beginning in 2016.

**Motion to approve the contract for administrative services to support the Collaborative for 2015. Motion approved.**

**Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- My Brother's Keeper discussion – December meeting
- Parent Academy for Saint Paul Public Schools – December
- 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.)
- Board effort to secure additional partner contributions for 2016

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