



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, October 8, 2014  
9:30- 11:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Jackie Turner, Jane Eastwood, Jean O'Connell, Deb Moses, Robert McClain, Mary K Boyd, Carol Dawson, Toni Carter, Tyrize Cox

**Guests Present:** Allison Liuzzi (Wilder Research), Peter Mathison (Wilder Research)

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

**Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 9:40 am.**

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

Robert McLain lit the Children's Fire with words about how we need to prepare our children now, so they are capable of dealing with the critical issues that we're leaving on their shoulders. The future isn't in the future - it's upon us now.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes September 10, 2014 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the September update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.**

**III. Youth Master Plan**

***Data***

Allison Liuzzi and Peter Mathison from Wilder Research presented the Year 2 update on the Youth Master Plan data. The results, overall, are mixed compared to the previous year. Third grade reading scores went up slightly. There was discussion especially about the data showing racial/ethnic groups AND ELL status, to try to understand the WHY of that data. On health insurance coverage, there

were questions about WHY the kids don't have coverage (eligibility vs. knowledge vs. other), and how the ACA implementation will impact the numbers (available data did not include ACA). There was general discussion and various suggestions for displaying and focusing the data. The user survey Advance Consulting conducted indicated our Community of Care would like to see the data shared primarily through our website, with just a short summary available as a printed piece.

### ***Grant-making***

The Board then discussed the possibility of accepting proposals from Freedom School and Right Track Summer Youth Employment for summer 2015, which is off our regular grant cycle (as has been the case in previous years those grants have been awarded). Hagen provided background, indicating this board has a history of only making grants from LCTS funds that are already in the bank. CM Tolbert and Commissioner Carter need to check in on securing WIA funding for Right Track. We will have more discussion about this in November.

### ***My Brother's Keeper***

Jane Eastwood gave an overview of the White House's My Brother's Keeper activities focused in cities. There is some direction about what will happen in Minneapolis and Saint Paul – lifting up existing efforts already focused on these populations, identify further gaps, but not to create a whole new movement. The big goals: share what we know, create shared accountability. The SPPS Board signed on to My Brother's Keeper as a member of the Council of Great City Schools, with specific metrics and commitments. We need to make sure that whatever we do, it is coordinated with what is happening already. Ramsey County will vote on signing on next week.

## **IV. GradNation Update**

Tyrize Cox gave an update on the three GradNation projects. Promise Fellow is in place and working, based in American Indian Magnet. Elona Street-Stewart has asked to have some service mapping work happen to show which services are available, and where, before the holidays. Project Return staff person is hired, and is using social media and other avenues to find participants. There are some gaps, such as interpreter services. Attendance Awareness has had some hiccups, but there has been good response from schools.

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

- Every Body's In Mary K Boyd - update on the Every Body's In event held Saturday, October 4 and next steps
- New grantees presenting on their work; organized by Learn, Grow, Thrive goals, rather than individual grantees: November focused on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading (PPL, NdCAD and Freedom School)
- Ramsey County Human Services regarding wraparound services
- Kent Pekel from Search Institute– caring adults
- Parent Academy for Saint Paul Public Schools

- SPPS High School Start Time – Turner has a presentation
- 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 11:05 am.**