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Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting

April 10, 2019

8am – 10am

CAP/RW: 450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Cedrick Baker, Toni Carter, Alfreda Flowers, Heather Kilgore, Nicole MartinRogers, Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Mary Vanderwert

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Molly Cave, Daniel Yang

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)
Jacob Wascalus (Wilder Research)
Sarah Hernandez (Sauer Family Foundation)

Meeting called to order by Carter at 8:05 am

Children’s Fire

Kilgore lit the Children’s Fire with words about this being the Week of the Young Child. Today is “Work Together Wednesday,” which is exactly the picture of how we should approach today and our work together.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting and accept the information contained in the March update from Advance Consulting, and the March finance report. Second. Motion approved.

Out of School Time Gaps: Moving to Action (All)

Staff prepared a memo about options for next steps (included in board packet) and there was a discussion amongst the board about next steps for SPCC action. The big gap that we could identify was some sort of systems-level group to support OST efforts in the city. There was discussion that it may be useful to more clearly specify the role of the group. Also clarification about what the “academic” perspective should be – not necessarily higher ed, but perhaps also community-based research. There was also discussion about whether establishing a separate group (not the SPCC board) is ideal, or whether this board could take a more active role in tackling the gaps/issues. There

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is a need to hone in more clearly on the gaps. The question is whether another group will really start to close those gaps. Is the gap that no one is pulling all these partners together to address these issues? First meeting of such a group might help figure that out – clearly specify the scope, because the whole system is so big that we cannot really generate momentum for change. Rather than another “superbody” maybe an annual event to set a framework for action with working groups where groups with different roles could see how they can help. What if we make clear, within SPCC, is that we see that the critical gaps are funding and transit, and we might bring our respective staff members into that discussion. Does Ignite feel like they are doing that? They are focused on statewide needs. Could we have more space to include Sprockets/Ignite in this group (and plug SPCC into their efforts more clearly). We need to more clearly specify scope/purpose/activities to lead to progress – increase funding and access to transportation in Saint Paul may make sense. Noecker, MartinRogers, Baker and Murphy volunteered to be part of a subgroup to more clearly specify purpose, timeline, membership. Potential role may be to establish some type of cycle to gather/present data to identify gaps, then plan for strategic action. SPPS Achieves (Initiative 5A) is about their own program evaluation cycle, which includes reviewing the district’s own efforts in specific areas, including OST. Kilgore said the results of that review would potentially be available to the group, as well. This relates to our push to get programs to sign up for/use Sprockets.

Youth Master Plan

Data

Jacob Wascalus from Wilder Research has been leading the work to update our Youth Master Plan Data. Wascalus and Anders presented the results. The data will be posted on our website when it is final/approved by our board. Consider re-framing the goal 1 (kindergarten) as % “ready” rather than “low-risk.” Look at the N for “higher income” students in 3rd grade reading – did the denominator go down. There was a request to see the data on the students who are leaving the district and why? SPPS is trying to gather that data, but don’t have it yet. Clarify every slide title is correct about whether the sample is all public school students or just those in Saint Paul Public Schools. Question about why health coverage goes down as children get older. SPPS is tracking different Student Survey indicators than are included in our measures. High school graduation data – would be interesting to see all the charters together to compare to SPPS.

Murphy and Carter are interested in digging deeper into the data spreadsheets that were the basis for the Youth Master Plan update. Vanderwert suggested we include oral health data in our plan. McGuire suggested that SPCC recommendations for how child welfare data is collected and reported would be welcome.

RFP and Grants Review Committee

This is moved to the May agenda.

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SPCC Administration

In the 2019 approved budget, the line item “Misc Admin Expenses” was \$10,000. The contract with Wilder for Youth Master Plan data came in at \$10,000 (Not To Exceed) and thus we need to amend the budget to accommodate that contract. Bavong Thao, Fiscal Agent, recommended adding a new line item to appropriations for Contracts, in the amount of \$10,000. That amendment was presented to the board for consideration. There were unrestricted funds available for that change.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to add a \$10,000 expense line item for contract expenses. Second. Motion approved.

Suggestion that board sharing should be included in the agenda, perhaps at the start.

Sharing/Agenda Items for Future Meetings (Discussion)

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

Meeting adjourned 10:00.