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### Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting

May 8, 2019

8am – 10am

CAP/RW: 450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Cedrick Baker, Toni Carter, Molly Cave, Alfreda Flowers, Heather Kilgore, Nicole MartinRogers, Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Mary Vanderwert, Daniel Yang

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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Rolando Vera

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**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT** Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)  
Erik Skold (Sprockets)  
Kathy Hedin (Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health)

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**Meeting called to order by Carter at 8:05 am**

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#### Children's Fire

Cave lit the Children's Fire with a story about working as an Early Head Start home visitor. She told the story of a father's evolving engagement with the home visiting, with a story about Play Doh, illustrating that everyone comes to parenting with different knowledge, and it's so important to listen to what everyone knows. She then read The Voice by Shel Silverstein, reminding us to keep our hearts and minds open.

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#### Consent Agenda

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting, and the April finance report. Second. Motion approved.**

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#### Welcome and Introductions and Updates

The Board welcomed new members Kathy Hedin, representing Rolando Vera (non-voting staff representative from Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health) and Nicolee Mensing (CAP/RW designee and Head Start Director).

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Nicolee reported that CAP/RW received a “duration grant” from the feds, so they can increase hours that Head Start children may attend Head Start. Now, 45% of Head Start children will be enrolled in extended day. That will be offered as a choice to enrolling families for next year. They are also opening a space in North Saint Paul (space for 40 children).

McGuire gave an update on the Pritzker grant on prenatal to three services through the County.

Noecker amended the Youth Fund ordinance which directs the charitable gambling funding, directing the resources more to youth in need (with help from youth from Saint Paul Youth Services). The 3K steering committee continues to meet, and a communications consultant was brought on board. They continue to work on the design for the program.

Ms. Alfreda thanked Commissioner Carter for being the guest speaker at the Family Values for Life annual breakfast, and they did reach their fundraising goal for the event.

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### **Out of School Time Gaps**

The OST subcommittee met twice since the April meeting and shared a draft recommendation with the board in the board packet. There was discussion of that proposal for SPCC action. The subcommittee was trying to make the scope manageable and thinking about where SPCC could add value/do something. There is a proposal for a staff-level group to figure out the specifics of how we might do rapid cycle tests of how to improve OST transportation over the next two years. Carter talked about the connection to the County’s Active Living Team. The proposed members of the technical support team include:

- SPCC staff and interested board members
- Sprockets (Erik Skold)
- City of Saint Paul (Parks and Rec? Libraries? Transportation person?)
- SPPS staff (who?)
- Ramsey County (Matt Hill from Commissioner Carter’s office as liaison to Railway Authority work, SHIP)

There was discussion about the timing of getting a plan together, acknowledging that the 19/20 school year will be a challenge. It may be that gaps will be apparent by January, so that is a place our plan may be implemented. Access/transportation is a critical piece of equity, because quality programs that students need but cannot access are not equitable. Vanderwert met with a start-up transportation company this week, which is focused on charter school transportation, and it may be a fit.

**Motion to move forward with the recommendation from the subcommittee for the three activities to address OST accessibility, clarifying that the funding pool for**

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**transportation is up to 20% of the grant pool, and seeking in-kind support to make sure the impact of the work is evaluated. Second.**

Staff will reach out to the board to ask for recommendations of who should be on the technical support team.

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### **Learn, Grow, Thrive Grant Making Decisions**

The board debriefed from the Youth Master Plan data discussion at the April meeting, focusing on the implications of the data for our upcoming RFP's funding focus. There was a suggestion that it may be worthwhile to fund a specific effort to try to increase access to health insurance coverage for all grantees, perhaps several times during the grant period.

The board then discussed the RFP contents for the upcoming round of grants, reacting to the initial draft that Advance Consulting prepared. Ideas for focus include:

- 2 generation approaches and parenting support, in ways that are culturally supportive
- Prevention focus

Advance Consulting reached out to several members of the Latinx community recommended by board members and partners to be community representatives on the review committee. They shared background on each of the potential reviewers, both of whom are willing to serve. There were multiple volunteers for the review committee, as well as a suggestion to add someone from the Native community. The potential review team members include Flowers, Vanderwert, Murphy from the board and then a young person from the Native community, and Erik Armacanqui. Staff need to follow up to finalize the committee.

There was discussion on the questions/elements of the RFP and a decision to finalize the RFP at the June meeting.

Advance Consulting reported that last time, community reviewers were paid a stipend of \$650 at the end of the grant review process, and this time recommended that any board or community reviewer participating on their own time be offered a stipend of \$675.

**Motion to offer a \$675 stipend to all reviewers participating in the process on their own time. Second. Motion approved.**

Skold talked about the process to be a Sprockets Activator site – it is a commitment to continuous improvement and technical assistance. It may be challenging if we make it a requirement if we don't help grantees "on-ramp" to that process – difference between committing to become activator site vs. being one already. Kilgore talked about data sharing challenges for grantees and being Sprockets Activators helps simplify the process. MartinRogers offered to talk to SPPS Research and

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Evaluation about how our grantees can better access data, and Kilgore offered to join that meeting to help explain why the district does not share some data. Sprockets could try to amend the Sprockets data sharing agreement if grantees want information that isn't currently included. Discussion of need to focus on starting early. Consider quality of staff, including staff support.

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### **SPCC Administration**

The board discussed printing hard copies of the Youth Master Plan update, which would also require someone to lay out the document, which in the past has been done as an in-kind contribution by the Saint Paul Public Schools communication staff.

**Motion to approve cost of printing 400 copies of the Youth Master Plan data updates.  
Second. Approved.**

Advance Consulting will poll the board via email regarding whether to take off July or August for summer break from monthly board meeting.

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### **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 10:10.**