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### Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting

November 13, 2019

8am – 10am

CAP/RW: 450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Cedrick Baker, Alfreda Flowers, Nicole MartinRogers, Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Mary Vanderwert

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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Toni Carter, Heather Kilgore, Daniel Yang, Rolando Vera

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**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT** Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)

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

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#### Children’s Fire

Noecker lit the Children’s Fire with some observations about how her children missed her during her recent busy period during the campaign season. She talked about how little and big kindnesses matter a lot to children, but also to all people.

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#### Consent Agenda

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting, and the October finance report. Second. Motion approved.**

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#### SPCC Administration

The Nominating Committee (McClain and Vanderwert) asked for suggestions for the open Community Representative position for 2020. Advance Consulting will send the community representative job description to the board and ask for names/email addresses of potential nominees. There was discussion about how it is not fair or anyone’s job to speak for an entire community, and how that plays into who is selected as a community representative. There is first a commitment to having qualified representatives, and also being open to all perspectives in the discussion from a broad spectrum of the population. Advance Consulting will send out the

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community representative job description to the board, and we'll get input from community representatives about how the description fits the actual work/role.

For officers, Baker volunteered to be nominated as Treasurer, and Flowers for Secretary.

Advance Consulting walked through the draft 2020 SPCC budget prepared by the fiscal agent. In December, Advance Consulting will provide specific numbers of fund balance in the restricted and unrestricted funds. There was also a discussion about whether SPCC can engage in advocacy.

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### **2020-21 Learn, Grow, Thrive Grants**

The 2020-21 RFP closed August 23 and the review team conducted 11 site visits during the month of October. There were a total of 20 applicants requesting nearly \$2.1 million in funding. The Review Team held its final meeting on November 6 for two hours and prepared a set of recommendations for funding. The board discussed any potential conflicts of interest with applicant organizations. Those include Alfreda Flowers (for Family Values for Life), Cedrick Baker, Hoang Murphy and Mary Vanderwert for Saint Paul Public Schools, Nicole MartinRogers through her work at Wilder has contracts with Anew Bam, Interfaith, NdCAD, Freedom School.

First discussion was about applicants not recommended for funding. Next discussion was about those recommended for funding. There was also discussion about having the outcomes for current grantees be strong and verified, and that there is room for new organizations.

A topic for discussion at a later meeting is how to measure impact of our grantees, how to handle existing vs. new grantees, how to support emerging organizations while also supporting organizations doing great works. How else can SPCC have a greater impact for more kids, including perhaps promoting more collaboration between organizations doing similar work. This is a form of collective impact, which is, for example, the work of the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood.

The board discussed the committee's recommendations and made the following decisions:

**Motion to approve the recommendations from the review committee. Second. Motion approved. (McClain abstained)**

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### **Out of School Time Transportation**

Starting with the OST Transportation subcommittee, staff and Erik Skold from Sprockets have been working to identify potential partners for pilot/study in SPPS Area B. Carl Allen from 4MATIV has also been participating in the effort (he was connected to this work through Mary Vanderwert). 4MATIV has been participating pro bono, but the subcommittee recommends that SPCC enter into an agreement with 4MATIV to provide transportation services to the pilot partners. (Draft Statement of

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Work and relevant LCTS policy were included with the board packet.) We are not aware of any other organizations doing similar work in transportation. Staff have been checking references. Challenges to this partnership are that we are not paying them right now. We have not had an RFP for this work. Need to check on potential liability of SPCC for doing this kind of services. We would need to get legal counsel on any liability.

**Motion to approve the draft Statement of Work with 4MATIV. Second. Motion rescinded by Vanderwert.**

**Motion to call for a count of quorum. Present are MartinRogers, McClain, Mensing, Vanderwert, Baker, Flowers, Murphy. Quorum established.**

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### **SPCC Partner Updates**

Tabled for future meeting due to lack of time.

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

**Meeting adjourned 10:07.**