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### Saint Paul Children's Collaborative ANNUAL Board Meeting

December 11, 2019

8am – 10am

CAP/RW: 450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Cedrick Baker, Heather Kilgore, Nicole MartinRogers, Robert McClain, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Mary Vanderwert, Daniel Yang, Kee Vang

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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Toni Carter, Alfreda Flowers, Mary Jo McGuire, Nicolee Mensing

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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

McClain lit the Children's Fire with some reflections on his time on the Children's Collaborative Board, and advise that we need to maintain good things. He talked about our work together being positive and productive. He recommends this board stays the current course, with the caution that being at the table is not the same as representing. Communities need to have access to the board members, so that we can raise their interests at this table. He committed to continuing to be a resource and friend to this board. Towards an African Education (Reading Room at Model Cities – University and Victoria).

Vanderwert also shared some reflections on her time with the board, and how our focus is truly on our shared mission of what children and families need. She also talked about how members here really follow through. She also committed to being a resource to this board. In closing, she encouraged us to think big, including taking a hard look at really changing our systems to better serve children, youth and families.

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#### Consent Agenda

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

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### **SPCC Administration**

The Nominating Committee (McClain and Vanderwert) presented a slate of officers and two nominees for the one open Community Representative position (both of whom are willing and interested in serving and are able to attend meetings – other potential candidates were not). Carter indicated to Advance Consulting that her Ramsey County Board responsibilities for 2020 make her reluctant to continue on as Chair. MartinRogers is willing, if the board understands she's relatively new to SPCC. There was discussion about the community representative position. Both candidates are well known and respected by this board and the community. They bring different skills and characteristics. There was also discussion about having equity in opportunities. There was discussion about where the board is headed over the next couple years, and where we already have strengths, and what we're missing, with direct service and the Latina/Latino perspective being something we are missing.

**Motion to appoint Angelica Klebsch as community representative by Baker, second by Vanderwert. Motion approved.**

**Motion to approve the following officers for 2020, each for a one year term: MartinRogers as Chair, Noecker as Vice Chair, Baker as Treasurer, and Flowers as Secretary by Noecker. Second by Murphy. Motion approved.**

There was discussion regarding changing the bylaws to increase the number of community representatives from four to five, as compared to using the community representative alternate position. Each has pros and cons – the chance to learn about the board process, the chance to vote, the chance to represent community. There was discussion about reviewing the bylaws.

**Motion to approve Emmanuel Donaby as Alternate Community Representative on the board, with the ability to vote if any board member is absent, if he is willing to serve as Alternate. Motion approved.**

In November, Advance Consulting walked through the draft 2020 SPCC budget prepared by the fiscal agent. The board had no changes at that time. The board would like clarity on how the unrestricted funds may be used. The Treasurer and co-directors will explore that. An important first step would be seeing what restrictions the contributing partners put on the funds. It may be wise to hire some legal representation.

**Motion to approve the 2020 budget as drafted by the fiscal agent. Second. Motion approved.**

As promised, the fiscal agent provided information on the cash on hand given the approved budget (i.e., not included in the budget). The restricted cash on hand is \$87,787 and unrestricted cash on hand is \$80,657.

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**Motion to invoice the partners for unrestricted funds: \$20,000 from City of Saint Paul, \$50,000 from Ramsey County, \$10,000 from CAP/RW and \$50,000 from Saint Paul Public Schools. Second. Motion approved.**

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### **Saint Paul 3K Update**

Noecker gave an update on the progress of Saint Paul 3K, which started with a Blueprint prepared at the direction of the SPCC board, by SPCC staff. They will approach the legislature in 2020 for a local option sales tax of 1% that will generate \$8.3 million for 3K. It would require legislative approval and voter approval.

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

The following motion was made electronically and approved by the board by December 4, 2019:

**Motion to approve the timeline, RFP and RFP rubric as contained in the email of November 27.**

At our November Board meeting, the Board directed staff to use a RFP process for selecting a transportation vendor for the Out-of-School Time Transportation Pilot. The OST Transit Team (Rebecca Noecker, Hoang Murphy, Heather Kilgore, Erik Skold from Sprockets and Carissa Gatt from Ramsey County) met on November 21 and recommended a timeline and process for issuing an RFP. The board approved that RFP and process via electronic voting on December 4, at which point the RFP was published on the SPCC website and publicized to our networks and any potential applicants we could find. Proposals are due December 27, and the review team plans to have a recommendation by the January SPCC board meeting.

The board cautioned about publicizing the transportation opportunities before info is gathered from parents, the program is carefully constructed, and communication is very clear, including the limits, timeline and other parameters about the service. Kilgore pointed out numbers (take up) will be low in spring 2020, and use/spending will be much higher next year. There was a question about whether this is a pilot or a phase in. In this case, we really are testing whether this really works, and that we would all commit to full implementation if so. There was a caution that we need to document that the participating transportation providers have the necessary safety and reliability records.

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### **SPCC Partner Updates**

Yang gave an update that College Bound Saint Paul will launch on January 1, 2020! The final budget hearing for the city includes \$250,000 needed to remove the Rec Check fee.

Baker and Kilgore shared that there has been some pushback on SPPS efforts to evaluate impact of partnerships. Their goal is to really look at partnerships of 4+ years, looking at impact and

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effectiveness, given funding limitations. The review process is looking both ways – at partners, and even more on SPPS side to see if SPPS staff are prioritizing partnerships impacting student achievement. Timing is that they’ve done an initial pass at this work (4+ years more in partnership), and will do follow-up review of some about which they didn’t have good information. They will have some initial thoughts in February and then action as part of the SPPS budget. The scope is programs with whom the district has relationship, mainly community organizations involved with the students during the school day.

School choice time starts in January – spread the word!

Anders gave an update on what is happening with LCTS partnership.

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**Meeting adjourned 9:56.**