



## APPROVED MINUTES

### Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting

May 13, 2020

8am – 9:30 am

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Restrictions

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Cedrick Baker, Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Jeanelle Foster, Heather Kilgore, Nicole MartinRogers, Mary Jo McGuire, Hoang Murphy, Daniel Yang.

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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Toni Carter, Angelica Klebsch, Nicolee Mensing, Rebecca Noecker, Rolando Vera

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**STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT** Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators); Rotary Club (Ed Marek, Karin Ciano, Mary Vanderwert, Cathy Quinlivan); Robert McClain (community reviewer)

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**Meeting called to order by MartinRogers at 8:00 am**

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#### Children's Fire

The Children's Fire was lit in honor of Ms. Alfreda, who was awarded the Paul Harris award for 2020 from the Saint Paul Sunrise Rotary Club, for her commitment to Rotary's common goals of understanding and peace.

#### Consent Agenda

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 8, 2020 board meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting and the April finance report. Motion to approve by Flowers. Second by Murphy. Motion approved.**

#### PAUL HARRIS AWARD (PRESENTATION)

The Saint Paul Sunrise Rotary Club joined the meeting to present SPCC Board Member Alfreda Flowers with the Paul Harris Award for 2020, for her outstanding contributions to community, in so many ways. She is a true ambassador, promoting understanding and peace throughout the Saint Paul community and far beyond. The Club gave a gift to the Rotary Foundation to honor Ms. Alfreda. They also worked with the Rotary District 5960, to apply for and win a grant of \$1,000 for the families served by Family Values for Life.

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### **VIOLENCE PREVENTION RFP (ACTION)**

The review team (3 board members: Flowers, Klebsch and Donnaby plus community member Robert McClain) met twice and conducted two site visits to review the proposals submitted. Since their recommendation was included in the board packet, staff contacted both applicants to explore the impact of a reduced grant amount (which would allow both proposals partial funding). In the course of that conversation, there was a request from one of the applicants (Ramsey County Attorney's Office) to create a partnership with the other applicant (Face to Face). Staff had a call with both applicants late Tuesday to discuss the possibility of a collaborative project. Both were very interested, and a summary of the collaborative idea was sent to the board Tuesday evening, after that meeting. Advance Consulting walked the board through the overview of a combined project. There was much discussion about the proposal/idea, which will be shared with RCAO and Face to Face.

The board is open to electronic action on a revised proposal before the next meeting. There is hesitation about moving forward without more detail, and make sure the two organizations understand the concerns raised and can address those concerns. The board asked that Ramsey County Attorney and Face to Face come back with a more detailed proposal that addresses these concerns. The current review team will be invited to review materials and give input.

### **PARTNER UPDATES (DISCUSSION)**

#### **Saint Paul Public Schools**

Distance learning update from Kilgore – in terms of what our grantees can do to better support distance learning (or continue doing). If partners hear that families are struggling with access to distance learning (device, access to teacher, internet) – please continue to refer parents back to SPPS, through direct contact with their school (even if they have to leave a message – target is to call back within 24 hours), or the central district help line. Trying to support community partners in having access to video conferencing through the district's Google Meet platform. As soon as they have that ready to go, they will share that info with community partners. Students will keep their devices during the summer. Also asking that partners help the district push out info regarding summer, so families don't feel like there is a cliff in terms of connection during summer. Baker shared that the district is still waiting for guidance from MDE with regard to expectations regarding summer. They are hearing that there is fatigue in families/parents with the distance learning, especially when trying to work from home. Hot spots are going to reduce over the summer (from 20 to 2 GB) – it will slow down connections. Fall – they don't know yet! Kilgore will keep us updated as things evolve. Director Foster acknowledged that distance learning isn't working for all students, and they district is trying to adapt as fast and well as possible. PreK – grade 8 non-special ed students' plan for summer is still in process.

#### **Ramsey County**

County response to youth homelessness during the pandemic is focused on the issues that existed before the pandemic, which are just magnified now. Working hard to secure state and federal



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resources to deal with needs, with homelessness as critical need. Last night's update – they have 114 rooms, goal is 400 rooms. They are working to secure those rooms. The county has a [COVID dashboard](#). Need another location for homeless youth. Trying to de-congregate 178 youth from current shelters, where they are too close. Working on security contracts to assist shelter staff. Need more staff in shelters. Also working on other basic needs. Property taxes may be paid late without penalty.

**Meeting adjourned 10:00**