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Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting

November 11, 2020

8am – 10 am

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Restrictions

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Cedrick Baker, Toni Carter, Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Jeanelle Foster, Heather Kilgore, Angelica Klebsch, Nicole MartinRogers, Mary Jo McGuire, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Daniel Yang

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Rolando Vera

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

Meeting called to order by Martin Rogers at 8:05 am

Children’s Fire

The Children’s Fire was lit by Heather Kilgore, with a guest [appearance](#) from young Sam, who inspired us with all the things kids can be!

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 14, 2020 board meeting and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting and the October finance reports. Motion to approve by Foster. Second by Baker. The roll was called and the motion approved.

Questions Advance Consulting Update

Advance Consulting gave an overview of the highlights from the October update to the board and fielded questions.

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Advance Consulting presented the draft 2021 SPCC budget, as prepared by the fiscal agent. Question about whether the line item for Misc. Admin Expenses should be retitled to reflect the contracting expenses.

Motion that the partners be invoiced for 2021 contributions (Ramsey County for \$50,000, City of Saint Paul for \$20,000, Community Action Partnership for \$10,000, and Saint Paul Public Schools for \$50,000). Second by Klebesch. Roll was called, motion approved.

Based on research conducted after the October SPCC board meeting (presented in attachment to the November agenda), it is clear that SPCC is subject to the Open Meetings Law, which had been our operating assumption. Based on the requirements of the Law and guidance related to operating during a pandemic, the board discussed clarifying our operating procedures, as impacted by COVID-19.

Motion by Carter to make clear that due to public health guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the CDC requirements for social distancing make meeting in-person not practical or prudent. Second by Flowers. The roll was called and the motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Murphy to make clear that the COVID-19 pandemic and the virulence, transmissibility and danger of COVID-19 make it not feasible to have at least one member of the public body present at CAP-RW during our regular monthly meetings. Second by Carter. The roll was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

There was agreement to have members vote by “hands up” icon and note responses in the roll call, including verbally indicating votes.

Learn, Grow, Thrive Grant Amendments

Based on direction from the board at the October meeting, Advance Consulting reached out to all current grantees to solicit information on if/how they might use additional grant funds (made available due to reversion of the 4mativ transportation pilot grant). The draft recommendation was included with the November board meeting and was presented by Anders. Baker thanked staff for their work to implement the direction of the board to address need in the community without going through another competitive process.

Motion by Noecker to approve the recommendations for grant agreements as presented. Second by Murphy. The roll was called and the motion approved unanimously.

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Foster Advocates Research

SPCC board member Murphy serves as Executive Director of non-profit Foster Advocates, which conducted research on the impact of COVID-19 on foster youth. The report may be found here: [Foster Youth COVID-19 Impact Report](#). Murphy presented highlights of the report to the board and encouraged the board to sign up for updates on the Foster Advocates [website](#).

Baker asked which state agency is in charge of services to fosters. The answer is that DHS creates policy and counties administer the program. He also asked about 48% unable to wear masks – Murphy explained it was an issue of access to masks, so Foster Advocates was able to mail each foster two masks. They also talked about social pressure against wearing masks. Noecker talked about the challenges around the time of aging out. Murphy views work requirement as an unnecessary burden, and also strongly feels that age out should not happen until 24, leaving the youth with no support at all. The Governor could sign an executive order to put a moratorium on aging out during the pandemic. Carter talked about Ramsey County trying to work through the need for direct assistance for fosters, but acknowledged that the County has not yet responded.

Murphy will draft a note that each SPCC board member could send to the Governor to request use of CARES act funding to support fosters during this pandemic and the board will also. We most need larger organizations to take leadership in this advocacy effort.

SPCC Legislative Agenda

Based on conversation at the October meeting, Advance Consulting asked the board to come to this meeting with ideas for priorities for a 2021 legislative agenda. Baker said the district is in process of developing a legislative agenda, and same with county and city. The district is obviously concerned about ability to provide greater academic support during pandemic. They will have more information in January. Ramsey county is working on agenda which would be ready for sharing in January. Anders talked about the board having two substantive priorities: out of school time services and early childhood education. Advance Consulting has been working with Ignite on out of school time policy priorities. At a January meeting, we could meet with lobbyists from partner organizations to see if there are shared priorities we could work to advance.

We will invite partner lobbyists to the December SPPC board meeting to share information and provide us with advice. MartinRogers stressed the need to engage with legislators to make they are keeping children/youth with highest need front and center during policy decisions. We should invite other lobbyists/government affairs folks who would be willing to attend. Foster Adocates and Ignite lobbyists for examples, and also Frank Forsberg.



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Partner Updates

On November 18 at 3:30 the City Council will celebrate World Children’s Day and all are welcome. SPCC will do a presentation on status of youth in Saint Paul.

Commissioner McGuire is chairing a child care policy action team for Ramsey County. Suburban Ramsey is also setting up a child care action gaps work group that may merge into the Ramsey County group.

Baker shared that SPPS sent out info to families that they decided not to move forward with any in-person learning/hybrid at this point, until January at the earliest.

Meeting adjourned 10:06 AM

Roll call votes for November 11, 2020 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

	Motion 1 -	Motion 2 -	Motion 3	Motion 4	Motion
	Consent	Partner	- first	- 2nd	5 –
	Agenda	Contributions	meetings	meetings	grants
Baker	Y	GONE	Y	Y	Y
Carter	Y	Y	y	Y	Y



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<i>Donaby</i>	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
Flowers	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
Foster	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
Klebsch	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
MartinRogers	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
McGuire	Gave vote to Donaby for entire meeting, starting with motion 1				
Mensing	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
Murphy	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
Noecker	Y	Y	y	Y	Y
Yang	Y	Y	y	Y	Y



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