

Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes APPROVED

March 10, 2021

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, Ginny Nierad, Rebecca Noecker, Daniel Yang

BOARD MEMBERS**ABSENT**

STAFF & GUESTS**PRESENT**

Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators); Pang Vang (fiscal agent)

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am

Children’s Fire

The Children’s Fire was lit by Nicolee Mensing with some reflections on the past COVID year of stress, sharing some pictures from Head Start during the year: distributing food, serving children, getting tested and vaccines. Overall showing the resiliency of staff and children during a challenging year!



Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting and accept the information contained in the February update from Advance Consulting and the February 2021 and year end finance reports. Motion to approve by McGuire . Second by Klebsch. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

SPCC Grant Making for 2022-23

The board reviewed/discussed the draft process for 2022-23 grant-making included in the board packet. There was discussion about using the next couple months to continue monitor emerging needs. Carter mentioned focus on the transition year between middle and high school. SPPS REA department is looking at enrollment trends, and Baker will share that data. They also did a comprehensive evaluation of distance learning that included a lot of student feedback. Also look at attendance or other measures of engagement. Nierad talked about the levels of stress/anxiety, and also drop off in use of health care at age 11. Need strategies to get youth to focus on health during the teen years. Pandemic has exacerbated issues/challenges that existed before. For some students, distance learning has been benefit, but for others, not at all. Notice which things are working outside school buildings to support students. There will be opportunities for summer school, but it will not be required. There is a specific urgent need for mental health supports. SPPS has been thinking about how to approach this – which may make most sense to implement outside supports, not just district FTEs. They have a network of 11 community based mental health partners who provide therapeutic service across school building. We will be seeking this type of input for the next couple months.

SPCC Administration

Partner contributions update: The fiscal agent has invoiced all partners for the 2020 and 2021 partner contributions that the board authorized by previous motions. There was an oversight in 2020 and the invoices were never sent, but that was caught and corrected in February. Thanks to all the partners for their help in getting the invoices processed and payments made. So far, we have received 2020 payments from City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County. Still waiting for CAP/RW and Saint Paul Public Schools' payments for 2020, and all payments for 2021.

Advance Consulting has also been working with the fiscal agent to determine the reserve funds for both the restricted and unrestricted funding. The current balances were included in the board packet. The board discussed having an official position on the unrestricted reserve amount. Advance Consulting will bring a draft policy for percentage of fund balance to the April meeting, and how any excess funds would be used.

There was a call for board members to serve on the administrative support subcommittee, to review feedback on Advance Consulting and to make a recommendation for administrative support for 2022.

Motion to appoint a subcommittee to review the administrative support provided to the SPCC. Members to include MartinRogers, Baker, Carter. Motion by Murphy. Second by Noecker. Motion approved.

SPCC Advocacy

YouthPrise has asked for organizations like SPCC to sign on in support of expansion of the Minnesota K-12 tax credit. We will email background/rubric to the board today and need response by Friday, which is the deadline.

SPCC Partner Updates

Murphy shared that Minnesota has changed policy to prevent fosters from aging out during the pandemic, and to lift some of the requirements starting February 2020 – September 2021. Also, the proposal to provide college tuition waiver/scholarship to fosters.

City of Saint Paul has been having a lot of conversation about public safety, and specifically gun violence. There will be a hearing tomorrow.

CLUES has had a partnership with Mounds View Schools for years to provide mental health services. She also suggested the board check out the change in grant-making direction from the Bush Foundation.

Deadline is tomorrow for SPPS families in secondary schools to sign up for Virtual Learning. Families need to tell us if they do not want to return for in-person learning on April 14.

Reminder: There was a discussion about reducing the length of the meetings from February – April because of the conflict for a number of SPCC board members due to the Community First Public Safety Commission (Baker, Carter, Yang for sure). We're going to plan to reduce the meeting from 8-9am for those months.

Meeting adjourned 9:03 AM

Roll call votes for March 10, 2021 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Unrestricted Reserve	Motion 3 – Admin Spt Review Subcommittee	
Baker	Y	Y		
Carter	Y	Y		
<i>Donaby</i>	Y			
Flowers		Y		
Foster	Y	Y		
Klebsch	Y	Y		
MartinRogers	Y	Y		
McGuire	Y	Y		
Mensing	Y	Y		
Murphy		Y		
Noecker		Y		
Yang	Y	Y		