

Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes APPROVED

April 14, 2021

8am – 9 am

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Restrictions

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| BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT | Cedrick Baker, Toni Carter, Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Heather Kilgore, Angelica Klebsch, Nicole MartinRogers, Mary Jo McGuire, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Daniel Yang |
| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT | Jeanelle Foster, Ginny Nierad |
| STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT | Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators); Pang Vang (fiscal agent); Kari Denissen Cunnien (Ignite) |
| Meeting called to order by MartinRogers at 8:03 am. | |
| Children’s Fire The Children’s Fire was lit by Hoang Murphy with an honest assessment of how hard it is to keep doing work while honoring the life of Daunte Wright and all those killed by police and impacted by white supremacy and institutional racism. April is Child Abuse Prevention month, and child abuse includes losing a parent to violence, food insecurity, poverty and more. We have the power to prevent this – poverty prevention, addiction support, family support, breaking cultures of indifference, long-term commitment to families and community. Black children matter, black families matter, black lives matter. | |
| Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting and accept the information contained in the March update from Advance Consulting and the March 2021 finance report. Motion to approve by Baker . Second by McGuire. The roll was called and the motion was approved. | |
| Youth Master Plan/RFP Kari Denissen Cunnien, executive director at Ignite, shared current information about federal relief funding coming to Minnesota, and what it means for out of school time programming over the next couple years. She focused on CRRSA funding (second round of federal covid funding). She also overviewed the American Rescue Plan. The bottom line is that a good portion of the funds have some flexibility and there is a definite focus on learning loss. There was a question about how the child care-related funds will be used. Ignite is not yet clear on that. Rep. McCullom spoke recently to the City Counsel, saying these ARP funds should be used to make this summer (and maybe more) | |

the “summer of fun” in Saint Paul. Suggestion that SPCC would use our funds to compliment what’s funded by the federal dollars. Sprockets will play a role in coordinating across city/county. SPCC should coordinate and support Sprockets in that effort. The Board is interested in how the federal funds could be used for evaluation. In the age category of 16-24, Workforce Solutions in Ramsey County supports youth in that age group, and could play a coordinating role. The evaluation work may need to be built into budgets by those receiving the funds (it is an allowable use for state admin dollars). Sustainability is obviously going to be a challenge. Kari suggested we ask how many families plan to return to an in-person school environment next year, and how that may change the learning landscape. Also think about whole family approaches, because that is less “fund-able” with the federal funds. Where will youth be learning, and what kinds of supports would be needed by whole families.

Baker and Kilgore presented current information on what Saint Paul Public Schools is working on to help students recover, and what needs they are seeing that SPCC might be able to help address. The money coming to the district should be allocated strategically to address social/emotional and learning recovery, attending to the cliff when the federal funds end. They are going to get community input. Look at it as parallel track – consider what needs are emerging while we develop the RFP. This summer, SPPS programming will be designed to scale up with funding from feds, including with partners if that’s allowed. They may add an hour of programming this summer using a community partners. They cannot just add a whole new summer program – families are already registering for summer school. In the fall, they’ll focus a lot on K-2 learning acceleration. Not yet clear what partnership opportunities are available. Community engagement plan includes reviewing existing data to identify needs, take that to stakeholders in May/June.

We need to connect immediately with Sprockets and figure out who is coordinating, and how we can help. Noecker and Klebsch are interested in being part of a working group. Kari gave examples of director of summer opportunities by neighborhood, thinking of neighborhoods as learning campuses.

SPCC Administration

Based on the request from the board at the March meeting, Advance Consulting researched and drafted a funding reserve policy for the board to consider. The draft is based largely on guidance and technical assistance provided by Propel, modified for the SPCC’s rather unique structure. This discussion is tabled until May.

SPCC Partner Updates

CAP/RW update – they did receive federal funding through Head Start and will do some summer programming, particularly for children entering K in September 2021. They also have a whole family initiative at CAP/RW. There is also federal funding to expand infant/toddler Early Head Start, and they are adding infant toddler classrooms and some preschool capacity, as well!

Foster Advocates has been working on legislation to provide free college for fosters – it is in the Senate omnibus bill, not yet in the House.

CLUES is working with DHS to work on reunification of minors separated from family at the border. They are looking for licensed congregate shelters, and there will be federal funding. The majority of the children will need 35 day space – 80% of the children have parent/relative already in the US.

Ramsey County: Lots in ARP including funds in categorical areas to complement city and county funds. County will receive 108m over 2 years, Working to coordinate supports with city, and with state and federal partners to understand and access other areas. County to prioritize high needs areas where categorical funds are not sufficiently targeted to meet our community's needs — potentially housing,, workforce and training.

Meeting adjourned 9:09 AM

Roll call votes for April 14, 2021 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

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| | Motion 1 - Consent Agenda | | | |
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| Carter | Yes | | | |
| <i>Donaby</i> | Yes | | | |
| Flowers | Yes | | | |
| Foster | | | | |
| Klebsch | Yes | | | |
| MartinRogers | Yes | | | |
| McGuire | Yes | | | |
| Mensing | Yes | | | |
| Murphy | Yes | | | |
| Noecker | Yes | | | |
| Yang | Yes | | | |