

# Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting

May 12, 2021

8am – 10 am

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Restrictions

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Cedrick Baker, Toni Carter, Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Jeanelle Foster, Heather Kilgore, Nicole MartinRogers, Mary Jo McGuire, Hoang Murphy, Ginny Nierad, Rebecca Noecker
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Angelica Klebsch, Nicolee Mensing, Daniel Yang
<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)
<b>Meeting called to order by MartinRogers at 8:05 am.</b>	
<b>Children’s Fire</b> The Children’s Fire was lit by Ginny Nierad, reading a poem submitted to the Washington Post by Zuzu Lang, a ten year old from Warrenton, Virginia. The poem is <a href="#">Convictionary</a> .	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>  <b>Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting and the April 2021 finance report. Motion to approve by Baker. Second by Flowers. The roll was called and the motion was approved.</b>	
<b>Youth Master Plan/RFP</b> The board discussed the 2022/23 Request for Proposals, which used the previous RFP as a basis with changes based on review of our grant making process using the Nonprofit AF equity rubric. We need four members for a grant review subcommittee, including at least two community members. Advance Consulting and MartinRogers reached out to several organizations to solicit grant review committee members. MartinRogers volunteered to step in if Flowers is unable to serve on review committee.  <b>Motion by Baker to appoint Murphy, Flowers and Foster to the 2022/23 grant review team. Second by Carter. Motion approved.</b>  <b>Motion by Carter to set the stipend for reviewers at \$700. Second by Noecker. Motion approved.</b>	

There was discussion about increasing the maximum grant amount and about the focus population. We could decide not set a maximum or maximum amount, just talk about the average amount. The board is in agreement that we keep the same target populations (highest need) as in previous RFPs.

The board discussed having the review committee review/edit the RFP to increase our “equity score” and bring final draft to the board for approval at the June meeting. The board talked specifically about providing grant funds up front each year would increase equity, rather than invoicing. There was also support for allowing organizations with fiscal agent to apply, not just 501(c)3 organizations. There was also discussion about how SPCC could help grantees build evaluation capacity. We could do some capacity building through the Community of Care around fiscal agency and evaluation. We could offer “mini grants” to staff from grantee organizations to participate in that kind of capacity-building work. It may require changing the way we think about our own measurement (for example tracking how many new projects/orgs we fund, compared to large established non-profits).

Kilgore and Baker shared information about the federal funding coming to the Saint Paul Public Schools to support student needs, and they have been thinking about how to get funding into the community to support the work. The funds end in 2024/25, so district is looking at working with organizations in the community to join in the effort. The SPCC’s community network and capacity would be helpful. They anticipate that SPPS will issue a substantial RFP and they would like to explore the idea of having the SPCC be the administrator of the RFP, with SPPS remaining as the grantor. District is currently building out a plan to emerge from the pandemic, based on feedback from students, staff members, community. Learning loss would be a focus of the RFP, bringing partners into buildings to support students. It could also be a way to engage the city and county partners. The timeline for this RFP: needs assessment complete by July, need final guidance for use of funds from MDE, and then use the results of needs assessment to frame the plan, with an RFP in the fall, to start funding in January. Magnitude of RFP funding is not yet set.

There was discussion about how to avoid conflict with the SPCC RFP. Another discussion about how to avoid funding cliff at the end of the federal funding. We need to be more intentional about talking about sustainability with grantees. There may a chance for SPCC and other funders to hold LCTS funds to help nonprofits with the “cliff” when the federal dollars end. Regarding any potential overlap/conflict with SPCC, the RFPs would not be concurrent and SPPS would provide resources to SPCC to cover the cost of running the RFP. The board expressed overall support and is interested in continuing to explore this exciting opportunity! The Ramsey Equity Action Circle could be a model – bringing in community members to be a part of the process.

### **SPCC Administration**

The board discussed the draft Reserve Policy provided in the board packet. The board would like the board to get a quote on Directors and Officers Insurance.

**Motion by Carter to approve reserve policy as amended. Second by Noecker. Motion approved.**

The board decided to take the month of August off for summer break.

Prior to the board meeting, Advance Consulting informed the board of their intention to not provide administrative support to the SPCC in 2022, although left open the possibility of subcontracting in 2022 with a consultant who is qualified and interested in assuming the role going forward. The board is interested in Option 2, and the SPCC would allow for a subcontract. Advance Consulting is interested in gathering suggestions for potential consultants to step in. The board would like to stay engaged in the process. There was discussion about when the new person would come on board, with Murphy saying it should be in the fall, if possible. This is also an opportunity for the SPCC board to be clear in their own direction.

**SPCC Partner Updates**

Angelica Klebsch is working as special policy advisor for the Governor/Lt. Governor and has left CLUES and will remain on the SPCC as a community representative.

Baker is entering a PhD program at the University of Minnesota in Educational Leadership!

**Meeting adjourned 10:05 AM**

**Roll call votes for May 12, 2021 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting**

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Review Team	Motion 3 – Stipend	Motion 4 - Reserve Policy
Baker	YES	YES	YES	YES
Carter		YES	YES	YES
Donaby	YES	YES	YES	YES
Flowers	YES	YES	YES	YES
Foster	YES	YES	YES	YES
Klebsch				
MartinRogers	YES	YES	YES	YES
McGuire	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mensing				
Murphy	YES	YES	YES	YES
Noecker	YES	YES	YES	YES
Yang				