

Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Annual Meeting

December 8, 2022

8am – 10 am

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Restrictions

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Cedrick Baker, Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Jeanelle Foster, Heather Kilgore, Angelica Klebsch, Nicole MartinRogers, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, , Ginny Nierad, Rebecca Noecker, Daniel Yang

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Toni Carter, Mary Jo McGuire

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)
Aisha Mohamed & Erik Skold (Sprockets)

Annual Meeting called to order by MartinRogers at 8:02 am.

Children’s Fire

The Children’s Fire was lit by Anders, in honor of her last meeting. She shared some words of guidance from one of her mentors, Laura Kadwell:

She shared some history of these words, originally by Forest Whitaker. Every child has potential, and every child deserves an adult who connects with and cares for them. As Christa retires, we thank her for her years of service through SPCC and beyond.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 10, 2021, meeting and accept the information contained in the November update from Advance Consulting and the November 2021 finance report. Motion to approve by Klebsch. Second by Foster. The roll was called, and the motion was approved.

Youth Participation on Boards

Aisha Mohamed and Erik Skold from Sprockets shared information on what they’ve been doing to train, place, and support youth participation on boards. It’s Sprockets first year supporting youth on boards, and SPCC is hoping to leverage their work for our own board. Their definition of “youth” is middle school through age 24. Youth participants are currently paid through Right Track. Pay has been at the rate of \$12-13/hour. They have been appointed in pairs thus far. There was a suggestion

that an "Advice to Boards" doc to share with boards to help them improve their policies and functioning to best support youth members. There was also a suggestion to create a logic model and evaluation of this effort.

SPCC Administration

The board previewed the draft 2022 budget for SPCC at the November meeting. Having no changes, the draft was presented today for approval.

Motion by Klebsch to approve the 2022 budget as submitted. Second by Noecker. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

Anders gave a brief overview of the work done by the By-laws committee. They do not recommend changes to the By-laws or the Joint Powers Agreement at this point, although some wording is out of date.

Daniel Yang informed the board that today is his last meeting as the Mayor's SPCC designee. We will miss him, and hope that his replacement will be half as good!

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2022, each to serve a one-year term. MartinRogers resigned her position as Community Representative effective after today's meeting, as she will be joining Advance Consulting starting January 1, and will act as co-director for SPCC going forward. That leaves an open Community Representative position, and Tonya Long has submitted information to be considered as the new Community Representative Alternate.

Motion by Flowers to accept MartinRogers' resignation as Community Representative effective at the end of today's meeting. Second by Noecker. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

Motion by Klebsch to nominate Emmanuel Donaby as Community Representative for a three-year term. Second by MartinRogers. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

Motion by Foster to appoint Donaby as Chair, Mensing as Vice Chair, Murphy as Secretary, and Noecker as Treasurer for one-year terms in 2022. Second by Flowers. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

Motion by Foster to appoint Tonya Long a Community Representative Alternate, with the understanding that she will become Community Representative once the next spot opens up. Second by Flowers. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

Keystone Community Services, SPCC grantee for 2020-21 has requested a no-cost extension of their grant through Quarter 1 of 2022. An explanation of the need was presented.

Motion by Murphy to approve the no-cost extension contract amendment for Keystone to March 31, 2022. Second by Foster. The roll was called and the motion was approved.

Advance Consulting LLC requested shift of funding in their contract from the expense line item to the consulting line item with no net increase to the contract amount, to cover any hours over the original estimate that may be incurred in December. As always, any unused funds will revert to the Unrestricted fund.

Motion by Klebsch to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from the expense line item to the consulting line item in the Advance Consulting LLC 2021 contract. Second by Donaby. The roll was called and the motion approved.

There was a request from CM Noecker for SPCC to sign on as a supporter of SPARK. The proposal was rated using the SPCC policy rubric, and received a score of 18/18. CM Noecker explained they are trying to pull together a coalition starting in 2022. There is a need for a property tax increase in Saint Paul to fund SPARK, and a public information/education campaign to share the importance of this issue. SPCC would be signing on as a general supporter.

Motion by Murphy to sign on as a general supporter organization for SPARK. Second by Flowers. Motion approved. (Yang abstained since he was unable to discuss this with the Mayor yet.)

There was discussion of goals, vision, and ideas for SPCC work in 2022, especially given the change in administrative support staff:

- Better access to SPPS/school data for grantees
- Youth representation on SPCC board
- Youth Master Plan goals – deep dives (safe/free from abuse/neglect) with community experts to inform our grant-making, advocacy, etc.
- Challenges arising from pandemic, including child abuse/neglect; disaggregated data on foster youth
- Revisit Youth Master Plan – are the goals still right, are there changes needed?
- Logic model for SPCC – looking at shorter term goals, and track those, and develop end result statements
- School-linked mental health

Additional ideas are always welcome – please continue to share with Advance Consulting.

Intercollaborative Agreement

At the November meeting, the SPCC board formed a subcommittee to recommend changes to the draft Intercolaborative Agreement. The proposed additions to that agreement are designed to provide more guidance to the Intercolaborative group when they make LCTS allocation decisions.

Motion by Klebsch to approve the Intercolaborative Agreement as amended by the SPCC subcommittee to provide more guidance on allocation of LCTS funds across collaboratives including the new criteria to add a criteria of the geographic distribution of the service area of the number and capacity of organizations serving children, youth, and families. Motion to also appoint Murphy and Baker to serve as SPCC representatives to that group. Second by Noecker.

There was discussion that this process is very painful, because it's asking community to go against community. There is hope there will be a different conversation going forward. SPCC understands we need to participate in this process.

SPCC Partner Updates and Ideas for Future Meetings

Foster Advocates is working hard to publicize the new opportunity for foster-involved youth to receive full cost of support for their higher education (ages 14-24/27, any foster involvement at any point).

Family Values for Life gave out 220+ Thanksgiving boxes through a drive up, and they are going to do same for 75 families for Christmas.

Ramsey County is selecting orgs to become family coaches by the end of December.

SPPS is now working on the process to close several schools, per recent school board vote. As impacted families explore different school options, SPPS will support them in that school choice process. There is also discussion of changing high school schedules to a block schedule. There is still an intent to launch an RFP for new community partners to address unmet needs of SPPS students/families with ARPA funds, potentially running that RFP in collaboration with SPCC.

The board gave advice to Anders for her retirement. Flowers suggested she figure out what she wants from her retirement so it doesn't figure itself out. Christa suggested she is interested in doing volunteer work, and Foster Advocates welcomes her expertise to help foster youth apply for college. The board is interested in her reading list.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 AM.

	Motion 8 – AC contract amendment	Motion 9 – SPARK supporter	Motion 10 – Intercolaborative Agreement as Amended
Baker	YES	YES	Not present
Carter - absent			
Donaby	YES	YES	YES
Flowers	YES	YES	YES
Foster	YES	YES	Not present
Klebsch	YES	YES	YES
MartinRogers	YES	YES	YES
McGuire - Absent			
Mensing	YES	YES	YES
Murphy	YES	YES	YES
Noecker	YES	YES	Not present
Yang	YES	abstain	YES