

Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

February 9, 2022

8am – 10 am

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Restrictions

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Cedrick Baker, Toni Carter, Jeanelle Foster (departed 8:55), Angelica Klebsch, Tonya Long, Mary Jo McGuire, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Ginny Nierad, Rebecca Noecker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Dana Abrams, Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Halla Henderson, Erica Prosser

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)
Pang Vang (fiscal agent)

Meeting called to order by Mensing at 8:05 am.

Children's Fire

The Children's Fire was lit by Foster, in honor of her last meeting. Since it is Black History Month, and in light of the deaths of Amir Locke and Jahmari Rice and thinking of the purpose of SPCC and the purpose of lighting the fire, she shared this poem:

Always There Are The Children

and always there are the children

there will be children in the heat of day
there will be children in the cold of winter

children like a quilted blanket
are welcomed in our old age

children like a block of ice to a desert sheik
are signs of status in our youth

we feed the children with our culture
that they might understand our travail

we nourish the children on our gods
that they may understand respect

we urge the children on the tracks
that our race will not fall short

but our children are not ours
nor we theirs they are future we are past

how do we welcome the future
not with the colonialism of the past
for that is our problem
not with the racism of the past
for that is their problem
not with the fears of our own status
for history is lived not dictated

we welcome the young of all groups
as our own with the solid nourishment
of food and warmth

we prepare the way with the solid
nourishment of self-actualization

we implore all the young to prepare for the young
because always there will be children.

Nikki Giovanni

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 12, 2022, meeting and accept the information contained in the January update from Advance Consulting and the December 2021 and January 2022 finance reports. Motion to approve by Carter. Second by McGuire. The roll was called, and the motion was approved.

Dana Abrams is the new SPCC non-voting staff designee to the SPCC board. Erica Prosser is the new designee of Mayor Carter. Halla Henderson is the new appointee from the Saint Paul Schools board of directors.

Intercollaborative Agreement

As described in the Advance Consulting update, the board reviewed the Intercollaborative Agreement that resulted from the last meeting of the staff from the three collaboratives and the county representatives. The other collaboratives did not accept the changes proposed by the SPCC subcommittee, and instead the group adopted some more brief language, which was shared with the board in the board packet.

Motion by Noecker to approve the draft Intercolaborative Agreement language as presented. Second by McGuire. Motion approved.

Motion by Noecker to appoint Baker and Murphy to represent SPCC on the Intercolaborative Committee. Second by McGuire. Motion approved.

There was discussion about the board's intention to move forward in collaborative efforts to make sure the LCTS funds are maximized for the benefit of children and youth with the greatest needs. There is a desire to make sure there is more shared accountability for improvement in child/youth/family outcomes across the three collaboratives. The board expressed gratitude to Murphy and Baker for doing this work and being willing to advocate for equity. There was a request from Carter, with support from other members, to include a Ramsey County Equity Liaison as a facilitator of the Intercolaborative work group.

Youth Master Plan

At the January meeting, Power in Peace presented on their grant-funded work, and the team pointed out that getting referrals has been challenging. The board had a follow-up discussion about how SPCC partners might be helpful in building support for this alternative process for youth involved in violent crimes. Carter shared that Danny Givens is working on the Healing Streets. Also consider whether a representative from the Police Department might also be part of that discussion at some point (but start with Healing Streets).

The Learn, Grow, Thrive grantees for 2020-21 submitted their final reports in mid-January. The summary was included in the board packet. MartinRogers provided an overview of the outcomes to the board. Nierad talked about what needs they are seeing in the Child & Teen Check Up program – can we coordinate with our grantees to share information about how critical it is that children/teen access needed health care. We will offer a Community of Care session to connect grantees and other community providers with C&CT and other health-related supports.

Saint Paul Public Schools/SPCC Request for Proposals

SPCC is providing some support to the RFP that Sant Paul Public Schools released on Monday. There was discussion about whether any SPCC board members would be willing to serve on the review team. Former board member Robert McClain would be willing to serve as community reviewer.

Motion by Noecker to offer \$700 for up to four community reviewers for the SPPS RFP if the district approves inclusion of community reviewers. Second Murphy. Motion approved.

SPCC Partner Updates and Ideas for Future Meetings

Noecker shared that SPARK launched their public campaign this week! She asked that folks share Facebook likes and (if possible) funding to promote the campaign.

Murphy shared that DHS Child and Permanency report was released – huge drop in the number of children/youth served. There are practice concerns about what is behind that drop. Also, Fostering Independence grants are available for anyone who has had any foster involvement to access college scholarships. Here's the link: <https://www.fosteradvocates.org/foster-ed-faqs>

Meeting adjourned 9:45 AM.

Roll call votes for February 9, 2022 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Intercollab. Agreement	Motion 3 – Reps to Intercollab. Agreement	Motion 4 – community review /stipend for SPPS RFP
Baker	YES	YES	YES	(not present)
Carter	YES	YES	YES	YES
Donaby - absent				
Flowers - absent				
Foster	YES	YES	(not present)	(not present)
Klebsch	YES	NO	YES	YES
Long	YES	YES	YES	YES
McGuire	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mensing	YES	YES	YES	YES
Murphy	(not present)	NO	YES	YES
Noecker	YES	YES	YES	YES
Prosser - absent				