

Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

May 11, 2022

8am – 10 am

Via Zoom and in person at 450 Syndicate Street North, Wellstone Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Toni Carter (virtual, departed at 9), Emmanuel Donaby (virtual, departed at 9), Alfreda Flowers, Halla Henderson (virtual), Mary Jo McGuire (virtual), Tonya Long (virtual), Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Ginny Nierad (virtual), Rebecca Noecker, Erica Prosser
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Dana Abrams, Cedrick Baker, Angelica Klebsch
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Pang Vang (fiscal agent, virtual, joined 8:40) Shaina Abraham (Right Track) and Andy Rodriguez (Saint Paul Parks & Rec)
Meeting called to order by Donaby at 8:05 am.	
Children's Fire The Children's Fire was lit by McGuire, with words about our physical and mental health. We can only serve our children when we are healthy. She shared the five steps to well-being video - MAGIC. Be mindful, be active, be generous, be interested, and be connected. Here's the link to the video: https://youtu.be/x6bz_ekkrYA .	
Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 9, 2022, meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting and the February and March 2022 finance reports. Motion to approve by Noecker. Second by Mensing. The roll was called, and the motion was approved.	
Summer Programming Shaina Abraham (Right Track) and Andy Rodriguez (Saint Paul Parks & Rec) joined us to share info on summer programming available to Saint Paul youth. For Right Track, there are not as many young people matched compared to previous years, even though there are more funded positions. They have two programs – youth jobs I and II – training around career readiness, financial education. They are working with SPPS on credit recovery. They are also hosting a user design experience	

workshop for 18-24 year olds (12 week boot camp + placement in internships). They are also doing a pharmacy tech program in partnership with CVS. They also have the Youth on Boards initiative. They are also working with SPFD on EMS academy. The Saint Paul Youth Commission is wrapping up their year of service right now, too, and recruiting for Fall 2023 in the next few days.

Andy then talked about the offerings through Parks and Rec (150 summer camps across the city). They are working hard to break down fee barriers. They are working on new strategies for promoting programming through schools/school leaders. They are also a hub for meal service. They also run Tech for All, citywide – building tech literacy and career pathways for young people.

There was discussion about whether there could be a summer program fair for youth. Also a question about how to reach disengaged youth (which is best done through individual relationships). There is a new program called Awakenings – working with youth ages 8-13, who have been identified as disengaged. They are using a mental health approach, working with families. Parks and Rec also offers programming outside park buildings. They are also working on providing a safe space for youth to hang out. They are very interested in community feedback, including how to reach those youth.

SPCC Administration

The League of MN Cities, the provider of SPCC's Directors & Officers coverage, needs annual action by the board on whether to waive the statutory limits on liability. Per their explanation, provided to the board in the board packet:

Members who waive the statutory limits are waiving the protection of the statutory limits, up to the amount of coverage the member has. A claimant could recover up to the Trust's standard limit of \$2 million, rather than the statutory limit of \$500,000 per claimant. Because the waiver increases the exposure, the premium is higher for coverage under the waiver option.

Motion by Prosser to not waive the statutory liability limits. Second by Flowers. Motion approved.

The Administrative Support Subcommittee reviewed the partner/grantee survey results and the Advance Consulting self-evaluation for the past year and recommends retaining Advance Consulting to provide administrative support for the Collaborative in 2023. That is the fifth of their five-year contract.

Motion by Carter to continue with Advance Consulting LLC providing administrative support in 2023. Second by Flowers. Motion approved.

As announced via email, Cedrick Baker is leaving SPPS and we'll need a new designee from Superintendent Gothard to take his place. His service on this board is greatly appreciated and we'll miss him! Ginny Neirad from Ramsey County will also be leaving her position and the SPCC board,

due to funding cuts in her program. We're also grateful to her for her service! There was a request that we advocate for allocating funding from the County to continue the critical work done by the Child and Teen Checkup staff. There is significant concern about how this will impact Head Start children and families. The SPCC will send a letter in support of C&TC to Ramsey County Board and copy Kathy Hedin.

Data Access Collaboration

MartinRogers provided an overview of the work she's doing with Sprockets and grantees/other community organizations to explore options for collaboration with Saint Paul Public Schools to give more useful and timely access to district data for community orgs serving youth. We cannot move forward without participation from SPPS, and we've not had success engaging them so far. We could approach this in steps (access to student portal data all the way to wide ranging info on all students/youth - allowing us to do direct outreach, targeting of programs, etc.). The question is what is the SPCC's energy around this effort, and how we engage community from the beginning. MartinRogers also shared info on an innovative approach in Oakland, CA. Suggestion that we talk to Schumacher from RCAO to learn from their experience with the Joint Powers Agreement. Parks would definitely be interested in this. There are needs for aggregate data (i.e., graduation rates for Right Track participants) and connections to students with high needs. Achieve Twin Cities may also be a good partner. We need to engage the Superintendent and/or the new Chief of Staff and the School Board. Good data sharing is good for young people. There are day-to-day data points that our SPCC grantees would like to access to help them be more effective in their work with youth – homework, attendance, etc. And we want teachers to have information about what programs the individual students in their classes are attending. The process needs to better serve families and students. Seek community buy in before we move forward. SPCC doesn't have capacity to lead this work, but we can advocate and identify community needs. The board expressed interest in continuing to pursue this idea.

Engaging Partners around Youth Violence

At the March board meeting, there was focus on keeping youth safe and free from violence. We have organized a Community of Care event on May 23, focused on this issue. Kara Beckman, Erica Prosser, SPPS Restorative Practices staff Kurt RuKim and Shawn Davenport, and David Starks from Face to Face will present/lead discussion. We also spoke to Mary Sue Hanson (Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative) about a tri-collaborative effort to convene/map out the various players, especially from systems, to understand needs/services. Commissioner McGuire will check on this. Erica Schumacher would be a good place to start, they are getting ARPA dollars for youth violence work. Mark Campbell is the director of Violence Prevention for Ramsey County. Brooke Blakey was just hired as the City of Saint Paul's director of office of neighborhood safety. How are the city and county coordinating? Successful youth violence prevention programs use a public-health approach. Would be helpful to hear about evidence-based strategies.

SPCC Partner Updates and Ideas for Future Meetings

Tabled due to lack of time.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 AM.

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

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – 2023 statutory liability limits	Motion 3 – administrative support
Baker (absent)			
Carter	YES	YES	YES
Donaby	YES	YES	YES
Flowers	YES	YES	YES
Henderson	YES	YES	YES
Klebsch (absent)			
Long	YES	YES	YES
McGuire	YES	YES	YES
Mensing	YES	YES	YES
Murphy	YES	YES	YES
Noecker	YES	YES	YES
Prosser	YES	YES	YES