

Paul Children’s Collaborative Meeting

July 13, 2022

8am – 10 am

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Dana Abrams (virtual), December Brakefield, Toni Carter (virtual), Emmanuel Donaby (virtual), Alfreda Flowers (virtual), Halla Henderson, Tonya Long (virtual), Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy (joined late), Erica Prosser, Jackie Turner (virtual)
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Angelica Klebsch, Mary Jo McGuire, Rebecca Noecker
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Pang Vang Kathy Kimani (Saint Paul Public Schools)
Meeting called to order by Donaby at 8:02 am.	
Children’s Fire The Children’s Fire was lit by Long, joining us today from Walker, Minnesota. She recently had the chance to hear a presentation by James Vukelich, where he showed the DNA helix, and the Anishinabe language for different generations, which starts with the elder, and goes down through the generations. The word for elder is the same for infant – and what is in our DNA is passed from our elders to our babies, but it is all interconnected through blood memory. While we are working for children, we also need to keep parents and grandparents’ needs in mind, too.	
Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 8, 2022, meeting and accept the information contained in the June update from Advance Consulting and the June 2022 finance report. Motion to approve by Prosser. Second by Mensing. The roll was called, and the motion was approved.	
Safe and Free from Violence MartinRogers asked the board for direction on how to engage and move this work regarding youth violence forward in collaboration with other partners. What does SPCC have to contribute? We could	

work with the other collaboratives to create something new, related to parent support, or find other approaches.

In a related request which we hope would reduce youth violence by addressing underlying mental health issues, Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative has asked that SPCC partner with them and Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative to provide funding to support school-linked mental health services to SPPS students and supports to their families. They are seeking \$58K from SPCC for 2022-2023 school year to support those services in SPPS, with RCCMHC contributing \$61K. There was a question about how the funds would be targeted? Turner asked if it could be targeted to PreKindergarten hub schools (east side and Galtier). We created a small group from the board to figure out how to be purposeful and intentional about use of funds for maximum impact. The small group will include Jackie Turner, Kathy Kimani, Toni Carter, and Dana Abrams. Carter talked about the opportunity to partner being important. Can we connect this conversation to another conversation that is already in process between the county and the district about integration of children's mental health services?

MartinRogers talked about looming issues that relate to youth violence prevention: very disconnected youth, youth not engaged with school, Turner/Abrams gave an update on Project Return, which continues working on finding and reconnecting students who have been dropped by the district in accordance with the 15 day drop policy. We'd like Albert Green to join an SPCC board meeting, to hear how his work could be made more robust. Abrams will ask him to join SPCC at our September meeting. There was also a question about how Albert is able to support the families of those students. SPCC could help connect Albert's work to other community organizations and family coaches that could provide the support families need. Prosser talked about the consistent gap is parental/family support. We should also invite the family coach program staff to a future board meeting. She talked about the Rec Centers could be used to provide some of that support for families. Family coaches are funded through Preschool Development Grant for five years, with the first year focused on birth – age eight. The total caseload would be 25, across American Indian and African American families. Prosser talked about the gap still remaining for parenting support for families of teens. We should have a conversation with Mark Campbell before the September meeting and invite him to come to that meeting. Follow up: See if Albert Green can join us in September, see if we can learn more about family coaching, Mark Campbell and Kee Vang in September, and organize small group discussion re: the mental health grant request.

Achieve Twin Cities

Kendra Engels, Director of School-based Programs from Achieve Twin Cities shared a brief overview of their new work in Saint Paul Public Schools. Their partnership in Saint Paul has been going for four years now. They are cooperating Career and College Readiness Centers in many SPPS high schools. They partner with the counselors in the schools to identify which students to target, delivery of curriculum, etc. They are a universal service provider – any students in the schools. There was a question about whether Achieve works with Special Ed students – that decision is driven by the school-specific staff. There was a question about students in Focus Beyond, and whether they are

served? Long pointed out those students are not always college-bound – are there other pathways for career, not just college? Yes, they partner with trades, apprenticeship programs – they support students in their career pathways with broad options. There was discussion about, for example, Head Start needing staff and wanting to provide info to Achieve staff to share info on Early Childhood career pathways. There is an employer council for the Office of College and Career Readiness at SPPS that Head Start could connect with. The funding comes from contracts with the district and private fundraising. The goal is to increase reliance on fundraising over the years. We really need to focus on partnership with unions, apprenticeships, so there are real viable pathways for students who are not college bound. Turner talked about Construct Tomorrow, which is a fair for trade pathways for SPPS students. There are 150 students enrolled in [Career Pathway Center](#) on the campus of Saint Paul College.

Data Sharing

MartinRogers gave a brief overview of the work we've been doing with grantees to find ways to help them better access district data on the youth they serve. Turner, as the Superintendent's new designee, suggested we connect with Dr. Stacey Akyea in the REA department. There has been huge pushback from families about use of data about their students – how will it be used? The conversation needs to start with families and see what they would like to see happen. It is also important to talk about this as “information needed for comprehensive services” rather than “data sharing” - goal is to provide better services for students/families.

SPCC Partner Updates and Ideas for Future Meetings

SPARK did not get enough signatures to get on the ballot, so the new strategy is to have the city council vote to get it on the ballot. Please reach out to city council members to express support for the SPARK program!

Abrams gave an update on the RFP through SPPS. They are going to share list by our September meeting and hope to get to the board in August. All the funding will be allocated in August. The funding should start flowing in September. SPPS would like to attend community events, so please let them know about events where they could do outreach to recruit new students.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM.

Roll call votes for July 13, 2022 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda
Carter	YES
Donaby	YES
Flowers	YES
Henderson	YES
Klebsch	(absent)
Long	YES
McGuire	(absent)
Mensing	YES
Murphy	(absent)
Noecker	(absent)
Prosser	YES
Turner	YES