

Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

8am – 10 am

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	December Brakefield (virtual), Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Halla Henderson (virtual), Tonya Long (virtual), Mary Jo McGuire (virtual), Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy (virtual), Jackie Turner (virtual)
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Dana Abrams, Toni Carter, Angelica Klebsch, Erica Prosser
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Kee Vang (Ramsey County)
Meeting called to order by Donaby at 8:03 am.	
Children’s Fire The Children’s Fire was lit by Mensing showing a video with moments of joy from Head Start students as the school year starts.	
Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Minutes from the July 13, 2022, meeting and accept the information contained in the July and August update from Advance Consulting and the July and August 2022 finance reports. Motion to approve by Murphy. Second by Noecker. The roll was called, and the motion was approved. On August 10, there was request for electronic action on a request from Face to Face for an amendment to the scope of their 2020-22 grant for Power in Peace. There was a motion on 8/12 by Noecker to approve the proposed amendment to the Face to Face Power in Peace grant to re-allocate \$18,000 to add in the four additional activities proposed. Second by Flowers. The electronic voting was open until 8/22, and the motion was approved.	
Safe and Free from Violence Kee Vang from Ramsey County Public Health shared information on some of the County’s work around preventing/addressing youth violence. The pandemic has created a lot of unknowns for community – stress, isolation. They are looking at new ways to define the root causes and figure out	

the role of public health and the county in general. One area is looking at alternative response to police in some situations. When Emergency Communications Center (911) gets a call, there is a social worker on site to help determine appropriate response. They are working on hiring people from the community, through a public health lens, and also work on moving upstream to address problems before someone is in crisis. They are also looking at using cultural healing practices. Kee also gave an overview of Healing Streets, started by Danny Givens in the County, now led by Mark Campbell. When there is violence/shooting in community, they are first on the scene – work with victim and offender’s families. Murphy asked about disconnected youth. (See <https://measureofamerica.org/youth-disconnection-landing/>) 7.5% of Youth in Ramsey are disconnected from school or work. One of 500 young people lost a primary caregiver due to COVID, which has led to great disconnection. That is an area where a lot of work could be done. This is also an interesting source: <https://www.measureofamerica.org/DYinteractive/>.

Ramsey County also has a 24-hour crisis line around sexual violence, and they are working with community on response to opioids.

There was a question about how they are bringing together areas of the County for this work. They are meeting twice/month on alternative response (community, social services, public health and ECC). There is also another multi-agency group meeting. They know data sharing is an area for improvement.

There was a discussion about how SPCC could contribute to the efforts to reduce youth violence in St. Paul. The YMCA would be interested in pursuing a partnership/grant with SPCC to use the One Circle curriculum to target parents of teens who are at risk of engaging in violence. There is concern about actually engaging the families in greatest need. Noecker asked about exploring a pilot that was more case management/home visiting/respice. Kee suggested that any kind of parent ed program would need to be bundled with other resources/supports. He also suggested looking at basic needs and where those are not being met (food, housing, jobs, transportation). We really don’t want to continue repeating the same services and getting the same results. The research says the thing families need most is given them cash. Could we fund wrap around services that go with direct income support efforts? Staff will do some more research/connection before next month’s meeting, including conversation with Face to Face about what more they could do with additional resources.

School Linked Mental Health Grant

The board packet included a proposal from Ramsey County Children’s Mental Health Collaborative seeking SPCC support for a school-linked mental health project. The subcommittee appointed by the board in July recommends funding the program. It clearly does help to address the issues of youth violence previously discussed in this meeting. There was a question about who has data on which demographic groups have the most need and making sure the funding is not being spread too thin. We want the SPPS partners on the subcommittee to bring a recommendation by next month about how to target the funds.

Motion by Donaby to grant \$58,300 to Ramsey County Children’s Mental Health Collaborative through an MOU to support two packages of school linked mental health

services in Saint Paul Public Schools. Second by Flowers. Motion tabled until October, pending more information from SPPS.

The board is very interested in seeing the services targeted to students who need the services most, and we'd like Turner/Abrams/Kimmani to inform us about how SPPS would use it, and then have them, plus Goodman, come to the October 14 meeting.

Youth Representation on SPCC

Per previous discussions with the SPCC board, draft changes to the SPCC bylaws were presented to add two youth reps as voting members.

Motion by Murphy to amend the SPCC bylaws to add two youth representatives. Second by McGuire. Motion approved.

Advance Consulting has been working with Sprockets and St. Paul Youth Commission's Youth on Boards initiative to find two nominees for the youth rep positions. Bios for the two nominees they recruited were included in the board packet. There was discussion about wanting youth who come from underrepresented communities – specifically a male and someone Indigenous or African American. Mensing asked if either are past Head Start students, because they would really love to have someone from that group on the Head Start Advisory Board. Staff will follow-up with the Youth Commission.

SPCC Partner Updates and Ideas for Future Meetings

Family Values for Life is having their annual golf event/fundraiser - please register [here](#). They served 2800 students in their back to school event.

SPARK received 14 applications for the committee and also intend to appoint additional members, but that our biggest need right now is for a licensed family provider to join the committee so folks who know someone who might be interested should contact Councilmember Noecker.

Murphy shared that Foster Advocates is doing a panel on the Fostering Independence Grants.

Transforming systems together grants are due 9/30: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/transforming-systems-together>

Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM.

Roll call votes for September 14, 2022 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

	August Electronic Motion re: Power in Peace	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – School Linked MH Grant - TABLED	Motion 3 – Bylaw Amendment	Motion 4 – Youth Reps - TABLED
Carter (abent)					
Donaby	YES	YES		YES	
Flowers	YES	YES		YES	
Henderson	YES	YES		YES	
Klebsch (absent)	YES				
Long	YES			YES	
McGuire	YES	YES		YES	
Mensing	YES	YES		YES	
Murphy		YES		YES	
Noecker	YES	YES			
Prosser (absent)	YES				
Turner	YES	YES			