

Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Meeting

November 9, 2022

8am – 10 am

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	December Brakefield, Alfreda Flowers, Kay Her, Mary Jo McGuire (virtual), Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy (virtual), Erica Prosser (virtual), Jackie Turner (virtual), Daisy Vang
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Dana Abrams, Toni Carter, Emmanuel Donaby, Halla Henderson, Angelica Klebsch, Tonya Long
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)
Meeting called to order by Mensing at 8:08 am.	
Children’s Fire The Children’s Fire was lit by Noecker, reading the last paragraph of Edgar Albert Guest’s poem It Couldn’t Be Done. <i>There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done, There are thousands to prophesy failure, There are thousands to point out to you one by one, The dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle in with a bit of a grin, Just take off your coat and go to it; Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing That “cannot be done,” and you’ll do it.</i> It resonates for SPCC’s work because it’s how children think, and we should be similarly unbound!	
Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 12, 2022, meeting and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting and the October 2022 finance report. Motion to approve by Noecker. Second by Flowers. The roll was called, and the motion was approved.	
SPCC Administration New youth representatives to the board, Daisy Vang and Kay Her, were introduced!	

The Nominating Committee has been working on their slate for 2023. All current officers are eligible for another one year term, and all have agreed to be nominated again. The Nominating Committee recommends that one nominee for the upcoming Community Representative Alternate position be forwarded to the board, and they will have a nominee for the December meeting. Long has agreed to be nominated for the Community Rep position, as she is currently the Alternate Community Rep, and the new person will come in as Alternate.

Davis walked through the draft 2023 budget prepared by the fiscal agent.

Advance Consulting is entering the fourth year of their five-year contract to provide administrative support to the SPCC in 2023. Currently, they estimate that about 275 hours of their total 880 hour not to exceed amount will remain at the end of 2022, and they asked that amount be used to increase their contract maximum amount in 2023 to \$132,000 (leaving the expense line at \$10,000), to bring this contract in line with all their other contracts and set the bar for the next RFP. Turner stated that the hourly rate is in line or better than many of the consulting contracts the district has.

Motion by Flowers to increase the Not To Exceed amount for the 2023 Advance Consulting LLC contract to provide administrative support to SPCC to \$132,000, increasing the hourly rate to \$150 with maximum hours remaining at 880, with the separate line item of \$10,000 in administrative expenses/contracts to remain the same. Second by Turner.

Advance Consulting also disclosed that they intend to enter into a proposal to provide evaluation services to Minnesota African Women's Association (MAWA) if their Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative grant for teen pregnancy prevention work is funded, and thus would like to update their conflict of interest disclosure.

The board needs to authorize the fiscal agent to invoice partners for support operation of the collaborative in 2023.

Motion by Flowers to invoice City of Saint Paul for \$20,000, CAP/RW for \$10,000, Ramsey County for \$50,000 and Saint Paul Public Schools for \$50,000 to support and sustain the operation of the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative for 2023. Second by Turner. Motion approved unanimously.

Strategic Direction for 2023

There was a presentation of the mission, vision, guiding principles, resources, and some strategic questions for the board, to help set the workplan for 2023. There was discussion about whether "ready for K" and "children" is the right language, although the board then decided the six goals are very high level, and there is an underlying document that provides definitions of what these goals mean. Noecker raised the point about what our value is, as a collaborative. There may be a need for better coordination across legislative agendas from each of the partners. Lobbying is a very specific activity, with a very narrow definition. If we, as a body, don't do tangible work around policies that improve systems, we are not leveraging our strengths as much as we could/should. Prosser suggested adding to our Guiding Principles regarding amplifying young people's voices/perspective in our work.

Regarding youth violence prevention, lots of folks are working on that issue. Prosser suggested looking at the Youth Violence Prevention [Blueprint](#) from Minneapolis.

There was discussion that SPCC spends a lot of time trying to understand what's going on, and where the gaps are. There is so much need, that it doesn't seem necessary to find the perfect place to plug in. Should we think about using SPCC as a way to drive other bodies to work together on things that have impact. We can use SPCC to bring more accountability to work groups that come together to focus on specific goals. Getting our partners together on issues impact St. Paul kids. Our contribution is convening and accountability.

There was a discussion of board culture including meeting schedule and hybrid vs. in person. There was also discussion of Advance Consulting having conversations with each board member about these issues, including schedules. MartinRogers and Davis will connect and bring more specific ideas back to the board in December, after (hopefully) having short conversations with each board member in the meantime.

SPCC Partner Updates and Ideas for Future Meetings

Family Values for Life and DIW are both doing Thanksgiving food giveaways. Advance Consulting will send that info to the board and grantees.

Commissioner McGuire shared that there will be an event to celebrate Toni Carter on 12/13 from 3-6pm at Hallie Q. Brown. There will also be one for Commissioner McDonough. Invitations will be coming soon.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 AM.

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

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Admin Supt Contract Cap	Motion 3 – Admin Support invoices -
Carter (absent)			
Donaby (absent)			
Flowers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henderson (absent)			
Her	Yes	Yes	Yes

Klebsch (absent)			
Long (absent)			
McGuire	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mensing	Yes	Yes	Yes
Murphy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noecker	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prosser	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turner	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vang	Yes	Yes	Yes