

**Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting**

**May 10, 2023**

**8am – 9:15 am**

**Via Zoom**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Dana Abrams (joined at 8:26), Chauntyll Allen (joined 8:50), December Brakefield, Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Rena Moran, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Erica Prosser, Jackie Turner, Daisy Vang, Mai Chong Xiong
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Angelica Klebsch
<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Nicole MartinRogers (virtual), Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)
<b>Meeting called to order by Donaby at 8:02 am.</b>	
<b>Children’s Fire</b> The Children’s Fire was lit by Commissioner Moran with words about why she’s excited to be part of this board. At her first SPCC meeting, three weeks after she began being a Commissioner, she came into the CAP/RW, where 15 years ago, she learned how to be an advocate for children and low-income people. She was reminded of her work, 15 years ago, as a parent organizer. She was back home, and being part of the work.	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>  <b>Motion by Murphy to approve the Minutes from the April 12, 2023, meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting and the April finance report. Second by Prosser. The motion approved.</b>	
<b>SPCC Administration</b>	

The board packet included a draft amendment to the 2023 budget, reflecting two changes based on previous board action. In April, the board made a \$3,300 grant to support Summer Choice Fair, through a grant to The Sanneh Foundation. At the February meeting, the board voted to increase the stipend for community representatives for board meetings from \$50 to \$100, and at the April meeting the board voted to provide stipends to Learn, Grow, Thrive reviewers a minimum of \$599 for full participation in that process, subject to increase depending on the number of proposals received. To accommodate these changes, there are two changes in the draft amendment. The Stipend line item was increased from \$5,200 to \$11,500, and a corresponding decrease in Misc. Admin/Contract Expenses line. And the grant to Sanneh Foundation was balanced by a decrease in the Available Restricted Fund line.

**Motion to approve budget amendment as presented by Turner, second by Prosser. Motion approved.**

The annual renewal of SPCC's insurance policy is coming up, and the board was asked whether they'd like to waive the statutory limits on liability. The board has NOT voted to do so for the past two years we've had this insurance. 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 Noecker to not waive the statutory limits on liability for the upcoming insurance renewal. Second by Murphy. Motion approved.**

The fiscal agent helped us determine the available pool for the 2024-25 Learn, Grow, Thrive grants. Note this led to a correction to our reserve policy document, which was described in the board update. The pool this time is \$2,394,175, a significant increase from last time. There was discussion about whether that should change the RFP in any way. One thought was to increase the maximum per grant, given the significant increases in cost of doing business for non-profits. We should encourage applicants to ask for what they need to operate. There was also discussion about how much the board should hold back for one-time, or emergency grants. The board talked about maybe holding aside up to \$200,000, but in the RFP, saying a not to exceed.

Advance Consulting received feedback on the draft of the new collaborative agreement from Ramsey County (December Brakefield and Lindsey Millard from the Ramsey County Attorney's Office (who is NOT providing SPCC with legal advice). Then Charles Long from SPSS legal team reviewed the document and also gave helpful feedback. Davis walked through the current draft with the board. There was strong support for the agreement as drafted and the board asked to have the current draft and the original agreement sent to them.

**Motion by Noecker second by Long to approve the Joint Powers Agreement as presented. Motion approved.**

This needs to be completed by the end of June, or our LCTS funding could be suspended.

**Partner Updates/Future Meeting Topics**

Commissioner Noecker thanked Sprockets, district, city for support of the Summer Choice Fair, and thanks to SPCC for our support. There were 281 attendees and 75 organizations who presented opportunities for youth for summer. Huge success!

Turner gave thanks for CM Noecker and Mensing for their work for expansion of district PreK this fall. There will be an official partnership with Head Start, starting with four classrooms that Head Start and SPPS will partner to run in schools. They are also opening a few sections of nature based PreK, that will have some tuition required. There will be 240-300 new slots. They are also opening a Prek-5 East African program at Jackson.

The county just amendment their contract with Family Values for Life's coaching program to allow a small pool of funds for concrete support for participating families.

Dr. Fry spoke out say that for years, African American/black families have asked for a culturally-specific program at the district. Turner shared that the district just closed Obama, which was intended for that population. If we can bring together a community group that will rally around that, the district could help put it into place. Turner committed that Director Allen should direct her to form a committee (to also include Donaby and Fry) with community leaders from the African American community with a single vision for a culturally specific school for African American community. Director Allen shared this relevant research:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/590915436a496317a4cfd6/t/63e78d0127011a69b22ceb84/1676119303937/pipeline-int-color.pdf>

Long mentioned that the PreK expansion should include slots for children with early childhood special ed – Turner said that all classrooms have slots for ECSE-eligible children.

Murphy asked about why there is a separate nature based PreK at Saint Anthony Park. The decision was made based on input from parents. Mensing pointed about that the other expansion programs are also of the highest quality, and asked that we careful about the narrative that Head Start is “less.”

Long was asked to be part of the POST meeting regarding collecting juvenile DNA. Current statute allows law enforcement to collect juvenile DNA with “probably cause.” Court case said that is not allowed without conviction, but state statute needs to be updated.

**Meeting adjourned 9:30 AM.**

**Roll call votes for May 10, 2023 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting**

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Budget Amendment	Motion 3 - Insurance Liability Waiver	Motion 4 – Collaborative Agreement
Allen (absent during votes, joined later)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Donaby	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fry (Alt – voting)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Klebsch (absent)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Long	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mensing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moran	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Murphy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noecker	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prosser	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vang	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Xiong	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes