

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

**June 14, 2023**

**8am – 8:30 am**

**Via Zoom**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Chauntyll Allen (joined 8:13), December Brakefield, Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Angelica Klebsch, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Rena Moran, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Erica Prosser, Jackie Turner, Daisy Vang, Mai Chong Xiong
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Dana Abrams
<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Sonia Gass, CAP/RW Executive Director
<b>Meeting called to order by Donaby at 8:04 am.</b>	
<b>Children’s Fire</b>	No Children’s Fire due to short meeting. Back next month! Sonia Gass, the new Executive Director of CAP/RW joined us and was introduced.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Motion by Noecker to approve the Minutes from the May 10, 2023, meeting and accept the information contained in the May update from Advance Consulting and the May finance report. Second by Murphy. The motion approved.</b>
<b>SPCC Administration</b>	The Joint Powers Agreement approved by the board last month had some very minor line edits and has been sent to all four signatory partners. CAP/RW is ready to sign the agreement, as is Ramsey County. Turner reported the district’s general counsel signed off, and it is

now moving through the contracting process, likely on the July consent agenda. Prosser reported the City's goal is to get it on the agenda for City Council, coordinated with Ramsey County (which is hearing it August 1 or August 8). Brakefield said they have to wait for the City to say they intended to sign, and then it takes a month to process through Ramsey County.

The policy approved by the board regarding conflicts of interest for Learn, Grow, Thrive reviewers precludes reviewers who have any financial or fiduciary relationship with an applicant from being a reviewer. Advance Consulting (MartinRogers and Davis) do serve as reviewers, but also have other client(s) applying through the RFP. They asked for guidance on how to proceed. Some options are for Advance Consulting to not score any proposals, not score proposals for organizations that are clients, or to disclose the conflict to the review committee and the board and participate fully in the review process. MartinRogers stated that she is on the board of Interfaith Action and has contracts with Interfaith Action's Department of Indian Work and Minnesota African Women's Association. Turner said she appreciates the disclosure but feels Advance Consulting can be ethical and fair. Noecker agreed and suggested that Advance Consulting can fully participate as long as they disclose conflicts. Xiong asked that Advance Consulting participate in the discussion/process, but not in the scoring. Murphy moved that Advance Consulting could score all proposals but not count their scores in official scoring, but potentially share with the review team to help illustrate scoring process. Moran affirmed that we all have good intentions, but if there is a perceived conflict, then the conflicted people should not score. Turner pointed out the board/reviewers really need to step up if Advance Consulting doesn't do the scoring. We ran out of time to finish discussing this topic. The motion was rescinded and will be revisited next month.

### **End of Session Updates on Legislation**

Updates on key legislative priorities for SPCC were provided in the board packet and are as follows:

- **MinneKIDS Act:** This legislation sought to establish a statewide Children's Savings Account program. The final outcome was \$100,000 appropriation to seed a state infrastructure for CSAs at Youthprise; as well as four \$100K start-up grants for four pilots (one urban, one rural, one suburban, and one tribal).
- **Survivor benefits for fosters:** This bill would have immediately stopped the practice by counties of keeping social security benefits that belong to fosters served by their county. (Note: Ramsey County is no longer taking those funds), while also providing funds to replace the social security dollars for the counties. The bill did not pass, but an alternative bill passed creating a study of the issue. One positive aspect of the study is that counties will have to report to DHS how many fosters in their county are impacted, and what the dollar amounts are. The report and recommendations are due by January 15, 2025.
- **Afterschool Community Learning Grant Program:** This has been a long-term priority for SPCC, and the outcome is finally positive! The final conference committee included \$30M over four years (\$7.5M/year for four years) for out of school time programming across Minnesota!

- The Heading Home Ramsey bill was passed that appropriated \$37,500,000 per year for the next two years from the general fund to fund and support the Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care, including maintaining funding for a 100-bed family shelter (Project Home).

**Meeting adjourned 8:34 AM.**

**Roll call votes for June 14, 2023 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting**

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda
Allen	Absent
Donaby	YES
Fry (Alt – voting)	YES
Klebsch	YES
Long	YES
Mensing	YES
Moran	YES
Murphy	YES
Noecker	YES
Prosser	YES
Turner	YES
Vang	YES
Xiong	YES