

Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting

September 13, 2023

8am – 8:30 am

Via Zoom and in person at CAP/RW (450 North Syndicate Street, Wellstone Room)

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| BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT | Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Angelica Klebsch, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Rena Moran (briefly), Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Erica Prosser, Jackie Turner, Daisy Vang, Mai Chong Xiong |
| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT | Chauntyll Allen, Dana Abrams |
| STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT | Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Sonia Gass, CAP/RW Executive Director Dana DeMaster (temporary non-voting Ramsey County staff rep) Pang Vang, Ramsey County fiscal agent |

Meeting called to order by Donaby at 8:17 am.

Children’s Fire

Noecker lit the Children’s Fire. Life is busy with the start of school, and we’re often feeling overwhelmed and facing the urgent situation directly in front of us. It’s important to keep our stamina and energy for the long-term aspect of this work – it’s a marathon. Noecker wanted to take a moment to reflect and recognize the City Council just voted to put the 3K plan that SPCC first started exploring year ago on the ballot in 2024. We are all in this work for the long haul!

Consent Agenda

Motion by Murphy to approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2023, meeting and accept the information contained in the August update from Advance Consulting and the Jun, July, and August finance reports. Second by Klebsch. The motion passes.

SPCC Administration

Youth on Boards finished their most recent round of training for youth interested in serving on boards, and as promised, sent SPCC a great nominee for our open Youth Representative position, Gaolia Xiong. Her bio was included in board packet. There was discussion among the board about how to increase the number and diversity of youth who are participating in Youth on Boards.

Motion by Prosser to approve Gaolia Xiong as youth representative. Second by Fry. Motion passes.

Commissioner Moran, who is unable to join us today, requested that the Board consider renaming our “Youth Master Plan.” (See attached for rationale and brainstormed ideas). Suggestion to remove the word “Plan” since it’s not really a plan. Discussion of terms such as investments, benchmarks, goals, metrics, strategy, vision, and other terms.

Motion by Murphy to rename the Youth Master Plan the Youth Investment Goals. Second by Prosser. Motion passes.

The revised Joint Powers Agreement was approved by all named Partner Organizations: City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Saint Paul Public Schools and CAP/RW. The only remaining step is to get the City’s representatives to sign the agreement. Prosser has been working with the City Attorney to get that done, and we are hopeful it will happen this week. Huge thanks to all board members and staff who’ve helped get this done, and especially to Lindsey Mallard from the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, who was instrumental in providing feedback to our county staff representative on an initial draft.

Learn, Grow, Thrive Grants

We received 36 proposals, and all but one that was totally non-compliant with our focus/RFP were forwarded to the review team. The review team members all read/scored all proposals (recall that Nicole and Laurie’s scores were not presented/included in the process, although we read and scored and discussed all proposals), and we had a super productive first meeting. There were many strong proposals, and the team focused in on those that were linked most strongly to our goals, had strongest evidence, and strongest measurement plans first. We sent follow-up emails to several applicants, had virtual meetings with two applicants, and met again on August 29 to make a set of final recommendations (separate attachments). The review team was fantastic and they really made the process work well. They each received a \$750 stipend for their work. Their recommendations were included in the board packet.

Committee members spoke highly about the process – Klebsch felt her relationships grew with the other committee members, Vang said it helped her feel like an adult to make these decisions with the committee; Long said it was a great team, balanced different perspectives and input from everyone. We want to update the RFP next time to more clearly identify grantees who are working on mental health. We may need more info in the future about what schools are actually doing and where they need help. Question for next time about how we can make the application process more equitable by giving more grant writing assistance to applicants who have a good, relevant

program but don't have as much grant writing experience. Make sure applicants are connected to Sprockets. Several of the grantees received ARPA grants from SPPS, which will end in Sept 2024, so they may want to front-load the SPPS funds and then use SPCC funds afterwards. Fry stated her conflict of interest (her organization applied for a grant) so she abstained for voting; Turner also abstained.

Motion by Murphy to approve the 2024-25 Learn, Grow, Thrive grants as recommended by the Review Team. Second by Long. Motion passes.

Partner updates:

*SPPS is helping the City fund 150 school year internships through Right Track, application closes this Friday. Prosser will send an application to share. Ling Becker, Director of Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, will come to our board meeting next week.

*Turner said they have had a smooth start to the school year, and lots of excitement to open the East African Magnet (70% of these students were not previously SPPS students). Came from the community's groundswell effort. Got more high schoolers back on school busses.

*Mon 10/9 from 10:00-2:00 at Harriet Island is Indigenous People's Day. Also, Indigenous Learning for All Survey is open now from MN Dept of Education.

*Celebration at Lake Monster Brewing On 9/20 to celebrate SPARK.

Nicole/Laurie will send info about all of these plus Youth on Board application (starts in Dec.) to the board today

Meeting adjourned 9:23AM.

Roll call votes for September 13, 2023 Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

| | Motion 1 - Consent Agenda | Motion 2 – Youth Rep | Motion 3 – YMP Renaming | Motion 4 – 2024-25 Grants |
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| Allen | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Donaby | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Fry (Alt – voting) | YES | YES | YES | Abstain |
| Klebsch | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Long | YES | NO | YES | YES |
| Mensing | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Moran (absent) | Absent | Absent | Absent | Absent |
| Murphy | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Noecker | Absent | YES | YES | YES |
| Prosser | Absent | YES | YES | YES |
| Turner | YES | YES | YES | Abstain |
| Vang | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Xiong | YES | YES | YES | YES |