

Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting

November 8, 2023

8am – 9:30 am

Via Zoom ONLY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Angelica Klebsch, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Erica Prosser, Jackie Turner, Daisy Vang, Gaolia Xiong, Mai Chong Xiong
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Dana Abrams, Chauntyll Allen, Rena Moran
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Pang Vang, Ramsey County fiscal agent Stevenson Morgan (Commissioner Moran)
Meeting called to order by Donaby at 8:04 am.	
Children’s Fire Prosser lit the Children’s Fire. It’s Native American Heritage month. Erica’s daughter read a Native American poem to her class: O’ Great Spirit help me always to speak the truth quietly, to listen with an open mind when others speak, and to remember the peace that may be found in silence.	

Consent Agenda

Motion by Prosser to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023, meeting and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting and the October finance report. Second by Turner. Motion passed.

SPCC Administration

Fiscal agent Pang Vang walked the board through the draft 2024 budget. The vote on the budget will happen at the annual meeting in December. No changes were proposed, so the draft will be sent with board packet for a vote next month.

Advance Consulting is entering the 5th of the five-year contract period max in 2024, and is proposing to keep their hourly rate and not to exceed hours the same as it is in 2023, and to increase the Misc Admin line item to \$13,500 to allow for updating Youth Outcome Plan data.

Motion by Turner to set the Advance Consulting contract amount for 2024 to \$132,000 for administrative support services and \$13,500 for Misc Admin Expenses. Second by Klebsch. Motion passed.

November is when the board needs to vote to invoice the partners (County, City, SPPS and CAP/RW) for their contributions to support operation of the collaborative.

Motion by Long 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 2024. Second by Murphy. Motion passed.

At the annual meeting in December, the Nominating Committee empaneled last month will present a slate of officers for 2024. At last month's meeting, several folks volunteered for these officer roles: Mensing is willing to be chair, Moran is willing to be vice chair, Vang is willing to be secretary, and Prosser is willing to be treasurer. There was a call to see if anyone else wanted to volunteer to serve as an officer in 2024. No one else asked to be considered for officers for 2024, so the slate stands as is for next month's vote.

Learn, Grow, Thrive Grants for 2024

Due to some changes made by The Man Up Club's proposal for work in 2024, the board asked to see the entire (revised) proposal and vote on that this month. The proposal was included with the board packet. The two primary changes are that the number to be served was adjusted from 75 to "up to 50" and they added a specific measure of high school graduation.

**Motion by Long to fund the proposal from The Man Up Club for \$115,000 for the 2024-25 grant cycle. Second by Vang.
Motion passed.**

Request for SPCC Support

CM Noecker shared a proposal, informally, to get initial reactions. She plans to ask more formally in December, about using SPCC's reserve funds to continue the work we started when we created the blueprint for a citywide early learning fund. We would like to work with a consultant to develop a detailed budget and business plan for how the funding will roll out over the next 10 years, if it's approved by voters next fall. There are dollars available in SPCC's reserve fund that could be allocated for this purpose. She said that while the SPCC unrestricted fund are public dollars, she clarified that those public funds are allowed to use to plan for an initiative that will be on the ballot, although the funds cannot be used to fund advocacy for ballot measures. Klebsch asked how much the request would be for - \$34K is the amount that would be available given our reserve policy. Turner asked what the total cost would be – Noecker said the vendor is estimating \$30-50K. Murphy said he appreciated having more data behind a ballot measure initiative plan. He suggested approaching Sauer Family Foundation or Mortenson Family Foundation for support, perhaps using SPCC funds as a matching fund.

Partner Updates

Murphy let us know that he's now the new CEO of People Serving People, the state's largest family homeless shelter, with other ancillary services.

CM Noecker won re-election last night, and the City's sales tax proposal passed, to fund infrastructure. Director Allen was also re-elected last night. New Director Carlo Franco works for Right track. New Director Erica Valiant works for PSP.

Long shared that the meeting regarding Targeted Services legislative proposal indicated a lot of work is needed to be done, along the lines that this board suggested last month. There is another meeting of that group tomorrow. Long saw the Commissioner of MDE yesterday and brought up the issue of using people who are not licensed teachers in those roles. She also pointed out waiting for systems to change is a huge problem, given the needs of our young people, especially those of color.

Long also shared there are listening sessions coming up about adding American Indian studies to the social studies standards today and tomorrow. Additional information was emailed to board members following the meeting.

Long also sits on the Citizen's Review Panel for child protection and encouraged people to apply. A link was shared with the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

Roll call votes for November 8, 2023, Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – AC Contract	Motion 3 – Partner Support	Motion 4 – The Man Up Club
Allen (absent)				
Donaby	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fry (Alt – voting)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Klebsch	YES	YES	YES	YES
Long	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mensing	YES	YES	YES	YES
Moran (absent)				
Murphy	YES	YES	YES	YES
Noecker	YES	YES	YES	YES
Prosser	YES	YES	YES	YES
Turner	YES	YES	YES	YES
Vang	YES	YES	YES	YES
Xiong, G	YES	YES	YES	YES
Xiong, M	YES	YES	YES	YES