

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

**February 14, 2024**

**8:00am – 10:00am**

**Virtual only via Zoom**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Angelica Klebsch, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Erica Valliant, Daisy Vang, Gaolia Xiong, Mai Chong Xiong
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Dana Abrams, Rena Moran, Erica Prosser, Jackie Turner
<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Kari Denissen-Cunnien (Ignite Afterschool) Stephany Lopez (Youth on Boards) Stephenson Morgan (Assistant to Commissioner Moran) Erik Skold (Sprockets)
<b>Meeting called to order by Mensing at 8:04 am.</b>	
<b>Children’s Fire</b>	Donaby lit the Children’s Fire with a poem from Marian Wright Edelman, <a href="#">I Care and I’m Willing to Serve</a> , to ground us in this work.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Motion by Noecker to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024, board meeting and accept the information contained in the January update from Advance Consulting and the January and 2023 year end finance reports. Second by Murphy. Motion approved.</b>

The board welcomed new St. Paul Public Schools Board appointee to the SPCC, Director Erica Valliant.

### **SPCC Administration**

The SPCC subcommittee charged with evaluating Advance Consulting's 2023 performance and running the administrative support RFP process in 2024 gave an update. The Subcommittee will likely be meeting again in March and will be ready to give an update to the full board in April.

The SPCC subcommittee charged with working with organizational partners to increase the partner contributions to support the operation of the Collaborative gave an update. Their next meeting is also coming soon.

Advance Consulting presented the board with a draft plan for content for the 2024 board meetings. We talked about early childhood, mental health, and literacy as topics to focus on in 2024. There was a suggestion to include staff from partners organizations, grantees, and any other community partners. Other potential topics include high school graduation, out of school time/youth engagement, attendance, etc. Specific to early childhood, we'd like to include Montessori American Indian Child Care Center, Hallie Q Brown. Maybe we could go to visit one of our early childhood grantees. Rob Grunewald could talk about funding for early childhood. Long suggested another topic – poverty, high mobility, resource sharing, outreach to high needs populations (i.e., the new Safe Passage for Children report). Another idea is to include legislators working on the specific issue. Commissioner Xiong shared this [work](#) from the county on opioid response.

### **Learn, Grow, Thrive Grants**

There was discussion on the off-cycle grant request from the City of Saint Paul requesting \$3,500 to support the Summer Choice Fair on April 28, 2024. SPCC provided similar support for the 2023 event. The spending would be considered within the LCTS Spending restrictions since the event is designed to recruit young people/families to direct service programs in the community, and thus the funds could come from the LCTS reserve. "Per the 2024 approved SPCC budget, as of 10/23/23 the Restricted Remaining balance expected was \$2,899,334.58 assuming all 2022-2023 authorized grants were fully expended (includes available restricted funding amount listed in the 2024 budget)." There was a question about specific outreach to cultural communities, particularly American Indian families.

**Motion by Noecker to grant \$3,500 from the SPCC Restricted Fund to the City of Saint Paul to support the 2024 Summer Choice Fair. Second by Fry. Motion approved.**

Advance Consulting gave a presentation summarizing the more detailed document in the board packet regarding the final reports from the 2022-23 Learn, Grow, Thrive grantees. Commissioner Xiong pointed out that there has been great work, but progress on our Youth Outcome Goals has been limited. Long asked about the specific racial/ethnic breakdown categories.

**Youth Outcome Plan**

The SPCC subcommittee charged with scoping the 2024 update of the Youth Outcome Plan data was not able to meet again, so this item was tabled until next month.

**Legislative Advocacy**

Kari Denissen-Cunnien from Ignite updated the board on Ignite's policy committee's work on Targeted Services, and we discussed how SPCC could help bring attention and clarity to the issues surrounding Targeted Services. The funding stream is designed to provide additional support for high school students at risk of not graduating and has been expanded to include elementary school students. The funding supports extended time programs to support those students. Our focus is the support for elementary and middle school students. Kari talked about creating a working group of interested district and community staff to talk about innovative approaches to using Targeted Services.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.**

**Roll call votes for February 14, 2024, Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting**

	Motion 1 - Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Summer Choice Fair Grant
Donaby	YES	YES
Fry (Alt – voting)	YES	YES
Klebsch	YES	YES
Long	YES	YES
Mensing	YES	YES
Moran (absent)		
Murphy	YES	YES
Noecker	YES	YES
Prosser (absent)		
Turner (absent)		
Valliant	YES	YES
Vang	YES	YES
Xiong, G	YES	YES
Xiong, M	YES	YES