

FCS Meeting

January 25th, 2023

Present: Renee, Sully, Jackie, Tammy, Catie, Lucy, Jeff

Minutes for the January 9th meetings were approved.

We set our next meeting Wednesday, February 22nd at 4:30

Dr. Corneille (Rene) gave us an update on the fiscal balance and how that works with the school district. In particular she raised the question of the current balance and the yet unspent funds for previous expenses. Dr. Corneille came to the board with a request that the collaborative pay 80K this school year for the mental health coordinator position rather than the 40k/year for two years which was approved by the board at the time the proposal was approved. There was discussion on this request as Catie stated that Wendy had already previously made this decision and Catie believed that it had already been implemented. Dr. Corneille was unsure of that based on information she had had from Phan, the accountant. The remaining board members were unsure initially, but upon review of financials it was agreed by the group that it appeared to have been done previously. Renee will follow up with Phan and Wendy to ensure they are all on the same page about this. **We clarified as a board that we would be paying our full share of the \$80,000 for the mental health coordinator in fiscal 22-23.**

Rene shared that the school board would be sending Leah Sly as the new board rep.

We discussed how Random Moments and LCTS funds work. Jackie will talk to Ed, the county representative for this work to help us better understand how this works.

Rene shared that the school is looking at the possibility of becoming a full-service community school that would help provide more services for the system. This would include building out a physical part of the school.

Tammy shared an update from CAP about the integrated fund and that they see board participation as an in-kind contribution rather than the making fiscal contributions. This is how it works for all our board members who are assigned from different groups. We will continue to record who is present at meetings in order to track the contributions of our different groups in order to be able to meet the integrated fund requirements. Catie provided an update that she confirmed that in-kind donations are sufficient to create an Integrated fund, it does not need to be financial contributions. She stated that an Integrated fund is a necessary requirement for a collaborative. She stated that the process would be to record the work done by members of the partner organizations and that there is a standard for converting volunteer time to a dollar amount. This amount would be recorded in the accounting practices to meet the requirements of the Integrated Fund. Catie asked for a volunteer to establish the recording/accounting process. Other board members stated that this did not seem to them to be a priority at this time and that recording attendance via meeting notes felt sufficient.

Catie gave an update on the rough RFP (request for proposal) she had provided last week.

Jackie stated that she thought there was too much negative sounding history in the RFP and that it was too much in Catie's voice and should be modified to a more neutral language and historical context should be removed. Lucy suggested that we shorten the RFP to make it more accessible to potential applicants. In particular, we should highlight the outcomes, values, and expectations. We talked about what we wanted to spend on the RFP and identified three questions we have 1) Is this admin work 2) How much money have we spent in the past on

admin work and 3) Can we spend prior funds on admin costs for this year. Jackie will talk to one of the people at the county to try and answer some of these questions. Lucy will take another look at the RFP to clean it up.

Lucy brought a proposal request from Community Services to create a mental health information series for parents in St. Anthony. (see below) The total request would be \$6,400 from Family Services Collaborative. Lucy said that the events would all take place this spring so the costs would all be spent this year. Some of the things that might add to the costs (but covered in the overall proposal) would be food, childcare, and technology to make it more accessible. Jeff shared that he is supportive of it. Jackie added that she was supportive of it but added she wanted to see more on how they are adding cultural competency to the overall plan. Catie shared her concerns about funding proposals because we have yet to do anything to open the process since the last proposal was funded. She also expressed concern that the last proposal funded (the mental health coordinator position) was approved by changing the rules of how proposals were approved. That issue has still not been clarified or dealt with as a group. Lucy stated that this was done prior to her participation so if that is something that needs to be addressed she would excuse herself from the conversation. Lucy stated that she feels like it is unethical to not be spending money. Catie expressed concern that while urgency in spending in money is expressed as a concern at the time that a proposal is brought forward by the same/only group that is aware that they can bring proposals forward, that same urgency is not placed on building equity into the system. Lucy and Tammy both shared they felt we do need to start funding something rather than sitting on our funds as we work to get more transparent and open to the community, which others agreed with. There was general consensus on spending the money but Catie continued to express reluctance on spending funds without a clear process for how proposals are handled.

The meeting adjourned