

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**October 23, 2023**  
**City of Coeur d'Alene - Conference Room 6**  
**6:30 pm**

**Commissioners Present**

Iris Siegler, Chair  
Kim Torgerson  
Susie Freligh  
Beth Ann Fuller  
Jolie Wenglikowski  
Royale Lockhart  
Stephanie Goss

**Staff Present**

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

**Commissioner Absent**

**Call to Order** - Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**Roll Call** – All Commissioners present.

**Approval of the Minutes from the September 25, 2023 meeting (Action item)**

**Motion** Torgerson **to approve** the **September 25, 2023** meeting minutes **second** by Freligh;  
**Motion carried.**

**Commission Comments** – Iris Siegler welcomed four seniors from Coeur d'Alene High School who attended the meeting. She announced the appointment of Emmy Hazard as the new childcare commission student and Kenzie Thompson as the (Alt.) both were appointed by the mayor at the October 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Emmy will be at the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Public Comments** – None.

**Discussion – Department of Health and Welfare fingerprints and background check changes.**

Iris Siegler stated she attended a meeting with the Department of Health and Welfare on the changes to the state childcare code and the new software upgrade to the background check system. One of the reasons for the change is the foster care code and childcare code were combined and now are two separate sections. Providers will be affected by a delay in getting a background check clearance as the state employees are learning the new system. New state code requires providers to inform parents they have an option for an exemption for immunizations. Childcare facilities operating within the city have to be published on the website by July 2024.

## **Representative Reports**

**IDAHOSTARS** – Royale Lockhart stated there will be a workshop in January or February on purposeful play. Partnering with AEYC and Tonya Sears to show how we are all working together in Region 1 for early childhood development. She shared that Idahostars will be transitioning from the “Steps to Quality” program to “Quality Achievers” which will be in effect in 2025.

**NAFCC** – None.

**CENTER** – None.

**STUDENT** – None.

**PANHANDLE HEALTH** – Stephanie Goss shared the opening of a new childcare facility North Idaho Kids Academy located at 245 Bosanko Ave Suite 1.

**Next Meeting November 27, 2023.**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Fuller to adjourn, seconded by Torgerson **Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**