

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2018
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 5**

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Andy Bjurstrom
Chris Bjurstrom
Susie Freligh
Kim Torgerson
Jolie Wenglikowski
Kathleen Shriner

Staff Present

Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk
Renata McLeod, City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Hannah Brown
Samantha Tuskan

Call to order

Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes from March 19, 2018 meeting

Motion by Bjurstrom second by Freligh to approve minutes Motion carried.

Public Comments

Mark Tucker, Executive Director from the United Way is researching working on how to help childcare facilities and parents. United Way has a "Ready for Kindergarten" program and last year launched the childcare provider module and a "board learning trail" in partnership with the City of Coeur d' Alene and Kiwanis which will be opening in Shadduck Lane Park on May 5th. The "alice report" that was done revealed that for a family of four the highest expense is childcare that is a real struggle for families in our community. After meeting with Panhandle health and others we realized the childcare business is not an easy business and we are trying to learn how we can help provide quality childcare to help both the facilities and parents.

Workshop Discussion

Barbi Harrison will be presenting at the May 7th workshop at the Library in the Community Room from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on "Challenging Behavior" approximately 100 childcare providers will be in attendance. Registration is on the Idaho Stars website.

Representative Reports

NIAEYC – The chapter meeting is on April 26th from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Harding and in May there will be a visual supports and preschool environment meeting.

NAFCC– Kim Torgerson is in contact with Lisa Pukula on a workshop "Wired to Learn" to be held in September vs. the original plan of April. The commission felt the fall would be much better.

CENTER – Susie Freligh discussed that there is a shortage of infant/toddler facilities within the City of Coeur d' Alene. Most facilities are for children 2 yrs. and older.

STUDENT – None.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – None.

Renata McLeod updated the commission on the “Rap Back” legislation informing them that the legislation was introduced last in the session they were really positive of the movement forward and on the last week decided not to bring it forward. This is the close as it has ever been.

Meeting Date

Workshop

May 7th at the Community Room at the Library from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.