

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**November 25, 2024**  
**City of Coeur d'Alene - Conference Room 6**  
**6:30 pm**

**Commissioners Present**

Iris Siegler, Chair  
Kim Torgerson  
Susie Freligh  
Beth Ann Fuller  
Stephanie Goss  
Jolie Wenglikowski  
Sam Freligh, Student

**Staff Present**

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

**Commissioner Absent**

**Call to Order** - Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Roll Call** – All are present.

**Approval of the Minutes from the September 23, 2024 meeting (Action item)**

**Motion** Freligh to approve the **September 23, 2024 meeting** minutes **second** by Goss **Motion carried.**

**Commission Comments** – Commission Chair Iris Siegler announced the reappointment of Commissioners BethAnn Fuller, Susie Freigh, and Kim Torgerson. She also introduced the new student representative, Sam Freligh, a junior at Coeur d'Alene High School. In addition, three senior students from Coeur d'Alene High School were present at the meeting as part of their Government class requirement.

**Public Comments** – None.

**Discussion compared State Daycare License Code 16.06.03 vs. City of Coeur d' Alene Childcare Facility Code 5.68** – At the September 23, 2024 meeting, the Commission requested that staff provide a comparison of the city's requirements versus the state's, highlighting any differences. Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk, explained that the city code is more restrictive, with requirements that include 10 additional training hours, an annual ISP background check, designated outdoor play areas, a facility license required for 2 or more children, a minimum age of 18 for providers left alone with children, and a mandatory TB test.

**Proposed Changes to Childcare Facility Code 5.68 (Action Item)** – Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk, presented the following suggested changes from the Commission:

- Eliminate the requirement for a license for volunteers or parents who visit less than 12 hours per month. These individuals would still need to be under the continual supervision of a licensed provider at all times.
- Remove the requirement for a TB test for all provider licenses.
- Eliminate the annual city ISP background check for renewals and instead require a search of the Idaho Courts database each year. Additionally, both the city ISP background check and the state background check will be conducted every five years.
- Allow individuals aged 16-17 to become licensed providers, provided they are continuously supervised by a licensed provider and are not left alone with children.
- Make housekeeping changes to clarify that a home-based childcare facility can employ one (1) person, a provision adopted by the City Council in March 2020.

Commissioner Wenglikowski suggested revising the term "Daycare" to "Childcare" throughout the code, as "Childcare" is considered more professional.

Staff was instructed to implement the proposed changes and present them to the City Council for a recommendation.

**Motion Lockhart to approve AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.68, SECTIONS 5.68.020; 5.68.030; 5.68.50 and 5.68.110, 5.68.050 (2), and 5.68.10 (C) the second by Goss Motion carried.**

### **Representative Reports**

**IDAHOSTARS** – Commissioner Lockhart said the ICCP funding which is currently frozen for the new facilities will start refunding on January 13<sup>th</sup> and all grant funds are currently frozen. The North Idaho Learning Collaborative has a Professional Learning Collaboration on March 1, 2025, at the Coeur d'Alene Library from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm presenting on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. Also, a break-out session for directors and owners to learn about the steps to quality-to-quality achievers.

**NAFCC** – None.

**CENTER** – Commissioner Fuller shared there are currently 45 facilities licensed in the city limits.

**STUDENT** – Sam Freligh Student Representative shared that Coeur d' Alene High School is advertising for "Fight for the Fish" basketball event and a blood drive will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PANHANDLE HEALTH** – Commissioner Goss said she is finishing up the health inspections for all childcare facility licenses. Whooping cough is spreading throughout the region and the contact Stephanie Goss if whooping cough your facility has an affected person.

**Next Meeting January 27, 2025**

**Adjournment**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**