

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
April 1, 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
Royale Lockhart

Staff Present

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Jolie Wenglikowski

Call to Order - Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call – All present except for Jolie Wenglikowski.

Approval of the Minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting (Action item) Commission Chair Iris Siegler stated the minutes will be approved at the next regular meeting.

Commission Comments – Commissioner Fuller suggested reaching out to NIC early childhood development students to join the childcare commission.

Public Comments – None.

Discussion of the differences in City Childcare Code vs. State Code - The Commission continued the discussion from the January 22nd meeting to not require a volunteer license for any person who visits the facility less than 12 hours a month which is what the state requires currently and removing the TB requirement for all childcare licenses. Commissioner Fuller explained the reasoning for the proposed change is that parents/volunteers who want to on occasion help in the classroom would have to apply for a volunteer license which requires a background check and TB test to be completed. Commissioner Freigh suggested allowing 16-17-year-olds the opportunity to be licensed as childcare providers so long as they are under the supervision of a licensed provider at all times and not left alone with the children. The current city code does not address age limits except for athletic childcare providers who have to be 18 years of age to be licensed.

Representative Reports

IDAHOSTARS – Commissioner Royale Lockhart announced an open position for an IdahoSTARS Health Consultant Regions 1-2. In June IdahoSTARS is presenting “Play With a Purpose”. The

University of Idaho child development conference will be on May 18th and April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Beth Ann added that on April 30th from 5-7 pm, the Harding Center is hosting the “Day of the Child Event” and everything is free. She shared that a new Head Start center is opening in Fern Idaho on April 17th.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – None.

STUDENT – None.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – Stephanie Goss shared that the Director has put in his resignation for the end of May. There will be some changes to the ADAPA rules for licensing soon. The State-licensed facilities will have health inspected annually vs. every two years that are currently in place.

Next Meeting April 22, 2024.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.