

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**September 23, 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

**Staff Present**

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

**Commissioner Absent**

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

**Roll Call** – All are present except for Royale Lockhart.

**Approval of the Minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting (Action item)**

**Motion** Freligh **to approve** the **May 20, 2024 meeting** minutes **second** by Fuller **Motion carried.**

**Commission Comments** – Commission Chair Iris Siegler shared that Kim Torgerson, Susie Freligh, and Beth Ann Fuller are up for re-appointment and will need to submit an application if they would like to continue serving on the Commission. Commissioner Freligh shared that her daughter Samantha Freligh has applied for the position of student representative on the Childcare Commission. Mrs. Siegler shared that Woody McEvers has been appointed as Mayor and Jim Hammond resigned as Mayor.

**Public Comments** – None.

**Proposed Changes to Childcare Facility Code (Action Item)** – The Commission reviewed the draft ordinance changes to the volunteer/parent license to not require an ISP background check and Child Protected Services enhanced background check for any person who visits the facility less than 12 hours a month which is what the state requires currently and the removal of the TB test for all childcare licenses. It was determined to make some language changes regarding the 12 hours or less a month and bring them back for review at the September 23, 2024 Childcare meeting. The proposed change to parent/volunteer is that a license will not be required if the guest visits less than 12 hours in any one month. The guest will need to be continually under the supervision of a licensed childcare provider. The Commission expressed a desire to

eliminate the requirement of a city background check for renewals every five (5) years. The current code mandates both city and state background checks every five (5) years.

Staff was instructed to incorporate the proposed elimination of the city background check into the ordinance and bring it back to the commission for review and vote to move it forward to the City Council for adoption.

### **Representative Reports**

**IDAHOSTARS** – Commissioner Fuller shared two upcoming trainings scheduled for October 1st on “ADHD” and October 3rd on “Autism” at Harding Head Start. Each training will start at 6:30pm – 8:30pm and the cost per class is \$20.00. Fuller said NIC Head Start has a job opening for a supervisor position. Commission Wenglikowski shared that facilities/providers can request early learning kits for preschool children (ages three through five years) to take home and enjoy with their families. To request a kit email [earlylearning@idahoaeyc.org](mailto:earlylearning@idahoaeyc.org) and provide the name, phone number, e-mail, address, and number of kits you would like.

**NAFCC** – None.

**CENTER** – Commissioner Fuller shared that ICCP funds have been frozen for all new applicants. Detailed information is available at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/children-families/idaho-child-care-program>

**STUDENT** – None.

**PANHANDLE HEALTH** – Commissioner Goss said she is gearing up to complete the annual childcare facility health inspections.

**Next Meeting October 28, 2024.**

### **Adjournment**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**