

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
October 26, 2020
City of Coeur d' Alene- Conference Room 6
Zoom Meeting
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Samantha Tuskan
Kim Torgerson
Jolie Wenglikowski
Susie Freligh
Beth Ann Fuller

Staff Present

Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

None.

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 September 21, 2020 meeting (action item)

Motion by Torgerson **second** by Freligh to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting;
Motion carried.

CARES Act funding for Small Business Relief Grants

Stephanie Padilla, Cares Act coordinator stating the City of Coeur d'Alene has reserved \$340,000 CARES Act funding for Small Business Relief grant that is available to businesses and organizations (including non-profits and licensed in-home childcare providers) registered with the State of Idaho and located within the City of Coeur d'Alene jurisdictional boundaries. Examples of eligible uses of Small Business Relief Fund grants include COVID-19 related expenditures to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), furniture, fixtures, and equipment necessary to continue business operations in light of the coronavirus, and youth services (daycare/childcare for newborns to school-ages kids and health-related activities for youth to continue or expand operations in light of the coronavirus). Ms. Padilla stated that not many childcares or youth services have applied for the grant. Ms. Padilla asked the commission if they thought childcares did not need the funding or is the application to cumbersome? It was suggested to get the word out by more one on one conversations to explain in more detail how easy it is to apply. Idaho Stars childcare resources could help with that. Ms. Padilla had an idea that she could get each facility an electron static strayer which is used to sterilizes toys, play equipment, etc. Jolie Wenglikowski added NIC has one and it is faster to clean the only down fall is you still have to lay out the toys to be sprayed. Beth Ann Fuller added the solution is similar to beach it breaks down the lining of the Covid virus. Ms. Padilla concluded by stating if you have already applied for the grant for other PPE you could

apply again to receive the electric static sprayer. Also, CBDG funding is still available to hire an extra employee to help with additional children.

For a complete list of eligible grant fund uses and to complete a grant application, visit the City of Coeur d'Alene Small Business Relief Funds webpage, at <https://cdaid.org/small-business-relief-fund>.

Introduction of the Childcare Resource Center team

Angela Fox, Shana Codr, and Amy Eickmeyer introduced themselves as the new Idaho Stars Childcare Resource Specialist team and offered their help in provided childcare resources.

Commission Comments – Suzie Freligh asked since the approval of the code change to the outdoor play area if any faculties have come forward to add addition children. Ms. Setters said none have added additional children.

Iris Siegler announced the appointments for a student representative Madeline Heaton and Alt. student Representative Emma Keith. They will be at the next meeting in November.

Public Comments – None.

Representative Reports

IAEYC – None.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – None.

STUDENT – None.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – None.

Next Meeting November 23, 2020

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.