

Mayors Commission for Children Minutes

September 14, 2021

Spfld Chamber of Commerce

8:00 am

Members Present: Jennifer McClure, Dr. Kaleen Long, Christy Davis, Dr. Beth Andrews, Brandy Harris, Monica Horton, Chris Jarratt

Members absent: Missy Riley, Amy Chenoweth

Advisory Council present: Dr. Kayce Morton, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Rinda Davis, Susie Henderson,

Dr. Beth Andrews opened up the meeting at 8:04 and welcomed the group to our second part of our goal setting session. Minutes from August meeting were reviewed. Chris Jarratt gave a motion to approve and Brandy Harris offered a second to that motion. Minutes were approved.

Much discussion and follow-up to the comments sent to Brigitte on what should be the Mayor's Commission for Children's 2021-2022 goals. Brigitte reminded the group that we have three working committees that can be convened to work on particular projects. Advocacy, Communication and Data define those areas. The group concluded that these areas are the priorities moving forward.

Dr. Andrews highlighted the kids Count data from 2019 and the trends occurring. Community Focus report was discussed. Dr. Baker and Chris Jaratt emphasized the Workforce Development Issues with quality childcare so mothers can go back to work. More workers are interested in companies that value flexibility with work life balance. Infrastructure needed to allow families to thrive. Defragmentation of care-support of Family important. Again, why Family connect needs to continue to be discussed in our community.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Family Connect implementation as a model

DESE certification for Counselors at Early Childhood level

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Workforce Development Issues/Best practices for 0-3 Child Care.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00. Next meeting at Fulbright EC Center Oct. 12th.

