

Mayor's Commission for Children November Mtg Minutes

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021

8 am Springfield Chamber

Commission members present: Jennifer McClure, Chris Jarratt, Christy Davis, Amy Chenoweth, Kaleen Long, Monica Horton, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews

Advisory members present Alexis Brown, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Rinda Davis, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Dr. Kayce Morton

Dr. Andrews opened the meeting at 8:02 and introduced our speaker from Missouri Foundation for Health, Clay Goddard. Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves and where they worked. Minutes were revised to add Alexis Brown in attendance. Monica Horton made a motion to approve. Kaleen seconded that motion. Minutes were approved by the Commission.

Clay gave a little bit of history first-The Foundation is considered a Conversion Foundation when Blue Cross Blue Shield established in STL area. The facility is close to Barnes-Jewish and was established 21 years ago in 2000. It has a 1 billion in the Endowment. Usually funds around 40 million a year in projects. Bob Hughes was the first director and emphasized policy upstream systems of change. Priorities include Behavior Health, Substance Abuse, Suicide, Gun Violence, Family Violence.

Clay joined the MFH to help implement policies for local health depts statewide based on the needs of the pandemic. Greene co is unique that 65-70 of funding comes from local taxes. Only 2 percent from state budget. We are 51st per capita from state budgets designated to public health depts. 116 Health depts statewide. 21 are accredited. Accreditation and Data are areas to be improved upon. More collaboration with Health Care Centers/Universities. Find ways from a workforce development standpoint to make Public Health more attractive to the best public health officials.

There are Opportunity Funds That would pair nicely with Family Connects. New director at MFH is charting a path to Health Equity and removing barriers. ROI- Public Health will move people to better health. Discussion also on state restrictions imposed on health depts. Environmental concerns like water quality and lead in Pipes.

Nest meeting will be December 14th at the Chamber. Anita Cotter will swear in our re-appointments.

Christy Davis will be chairman at our December meeting.