

Mayor's Commission for Children June mtg

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 8 am

Minutes

Members present: Amy Chenoweth, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Dr. Kaleen Long, Chris Jarrett, Mike White, Brandy Harris, Jennifer McClure

Members absent: Gerry Lee and Christy Davis

Advisory Council Present : Rinda Davis, Susie Henderson, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Bria Coale, John Chastain, Alexis Brown, Carol Wooten, Dr. Kayce Morton, Matt Simpson,

Guests: Katie Towns, Gregory Holman, Mary Keyes

Presenters: State Senator Lincoln Hough, and Minority Leader of Missouri House of Representatives, Crystal Quade

Brandy Harris, Vice Chairman opened the meeting with a fun introduction/ice breaker for all participants to introduce themselves. Brandy introduced presenters after minutes were approved.

Dr. Andrews made the motion to approve the last three months of minutes. Mike White seconded that motion. Commission approved minutes as written.

Crystal Quade remarked that most of the work was defense against bad bills. This session saw the least bills passed-but that was a good thing in some respects. A great deal of time was spent on Appropriations too. Countering attacks on schools and LGBTQ individual rights.

Highlights included 2 Million childcare state employees to help with workforce shortage. Prison nurseries-not many states doing this. Funded school transportation in a big way. Teacher pay-base and career ladder improved.

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Funded Medicaid Expansion -state is taking too long to implement working on a solution. Faction that is obstructing work to be done not coming up with solutions. He gave kudos to the work being done to solve problems at the state level.

Next meeting will be at the Chamber. Family Connects progress will be the topic.

