

Mayor's Commission for Children Aug Meeting Minutes

August 8th 2023 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Commission members present: Gerry Lee, Mike White, Jennifer McClure, Kaleen Long, Elizabeth Andrews, Amy Chenoweth

Advisory Council present: Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Kristen Thompson, Dr. Kayce Morton, Kimmerly Shinn Brown, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Carol Wooten, Christy Davis, Missy Riley

Meeting opened up by Vice-Chair Kaleen Long. July minutes -a motion by Dr. Andrews, seconded by Mike White, July minutes approved by Commission.

Announcements around the Table: Greene co Health Department will be administering the program Family Connects. They are in the process of securing funds from Jordan Valley Health Center with the cooperation of grantors. They hope to begin implementation in early 2024.

Dr. Doug McNeal gave us an update on the volunteers secured to help with pilot child care site at Cox South and Cox North.

Presentation from DCO Executive Director, Marisa DeClue on updates to services to children in the area. DCO annually assists more than 1200 clients with developmental disabilities and delays in southwest Missouri. The services include OT, Speech and Language, education, and PT and behavioral. Clients from birth through adulthood are served. Marisa has been in this position for the last three years. She is in need of volunteers to help with day to day operations.

Next meeting will be in November. No Meetings in September and October. We will be at York elementary for the next meeting.

Adjourned at 9:00