

Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

December 13th, 2022 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Commission members present: Jennifer McClure, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Mike White, Amy Chenoweth, Chris Jarratt, Gerry Lee, Dr. Tom Masterson, Dr. Kaleen Long, Brandy Harris

Advisory Council present: Alexis Brown, John Chastain, Bria Coale, Dr. Jennifer Baker

Missy Riley, Christy Davis, Carol Wooten, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Kristen Thompson, Jaimie Trussell

Guests: Susie Henderson and Clay Goddard

Brandy Harris, new chairman opened the meeting up at 9:02 with a call to approve and accept previous meeting minutes. Jennifer McClure made a motion to accept. Dr. Andrews seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Clay Goddard gave a brief presentation regarding the re-structuring of Burrell in the various regions.

Burrell has expanded into several key areas in the state.

Family Connects has an administrator name at Jordan Valley. Ashley French will be leading that effort.

The grant writers at JV continue to pursue avenues of funding. The Family Connects training for staff begins in February.

Kimberly Shinn-Brown presentation in September sparked advocacy to meet and identify a way to recruit volunteers to help retain staff. Targeting talent retention and Quality-workforce development implications. Dr. McNeal will be pursuing Cox childcare to see if they will be interested as a pilot project with Give 5.

Communication committee will be ramping up in the spring ahead of the Kindergarten Readiness Study roll out April 11th at the Chamber of Commerce. Jennifer and John stressed a message strategy ahead of results. Timing of Family Connects roll-out and involving work to increase volunteers with preschool in the community. Give 5 will be meeting with this subcommittee to look at options. With Family Connects being a pilot for the State -the Give 5 opportunity could also have a message that resonates with other communities in the State.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. Current picture was taken by Chris Akins, City photographer. Next meeting will be a presentation from ED Brandi Vanantwerp from Foster Connect Adopt in Springfield.

