

Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

November 8th, 2022 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Commission members present: Jennifer McClure, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Mike White, Amy Chenoweth, Chris Jarratt, Gerry Lee, Christy Davis

Advisory Council present: Kimberly Shinn Brown, Alexis Brown, John Chastain, Rinda Davis, Bria Coale, Missy Riley, Matt Simpson, Dr. Jennifer Baker

Christy 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.

Christy gave us an update on enrollment for Wonder years. 680 are enrolled. Can have up to 900.

34 parent educators 2 FTE not filled 36 total approved for the PAT Program.

Alexis Gave us an update on progress w Family Connects. The academy will start in February. Job posting for director is going out. Other funding processing have begun. Greene Co has been submitted.

The collective impact grant by Musgrave will be submitted in December. Doug McNeal mentioned OHAF and possible Bobby Allison funding for Family Connects.

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.

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 9:00. Next meeting will be swearing in new Commission members and welcoming new members to Advisory Council.