

Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

March 12th, 2024

Bill Foster South Meeting Room

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Commission Members present: Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Dr. Kaleen Long, Christy Davis, Chris Jarratt, Mike White, Amy Chenoweth, Bria Coale Absent: Brandy Harris and Tom Masterson

Advisory members present: Christina Moellering, Karen Kunkel, Kimberly Shinn Brown, Dr. Doug McNeal

Dr. Long opened the meeting at 8:00 and welcomed our group.

Dr. Andrews made a motion to approve February minutes. There was a second by Bria Coale. The minutes were approved by the Commission.

Brigitte opened up the floor to discuss goals for the commission and upcoming presentations that we need to recommend.

Brigitte reminded everyone we would be offsite in April. May would be David Lewey coming from CPO to share with us the gun locks and Safety kits being administered to families. June will have state senator Lincoln Hough and Minority leader Crystal Quade in the large Chamber conference Center. Dr. Long and Brigitte will be filling out the rest of the calendar. Please share if you know of a topic that fits with our mission.

Topics discussed for emphasis for the next year. Gun violence, Conscious Discipline with families and Schools, ACES implementation, Family Connects Progress, Mental Health for Students and Families,

Adjournment at 9:00 Reminder that School Board Elections are April 2.

Next meeting will be at the SPS Virtual and Professional Learning Center on Kansas Expressway. This is our spring offsite SPS visit.