

Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

June 11th, 2024

James B Anderson 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 Brandy Harris and Tom Masterson

Advisory members present: Christina Moellering, Karen Kunkel, Kimberly Shinn Brown, Jaimie Trussell, Jhasmine Watson, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Danielle Kincaid, Rinda Davis

Guests: Crystal Quade and Lincoln Hough and Greg Holman

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

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

Brigitte opened up the floor to announcements. MCC social on July 28. **No meeting in August** but several folks will represent MCC at Good Morning Springfield at Kickapoo High School August 1. Dr. Lathan will be addressing the State of the Schools address.

Next meeting in July we will be finalizing draft of MCC strategic plan.

Minority Leader Quade and Senator Hough listed out the wins for Greene County and Springfield-they Include:

Approved federal reimbursement allowance that funds Missouri Medicaid program

I-44 Expansion around Springfield

Health care alliance funding

Family Connects program

Springfield Little Theatre

Care to Learn and other non-profits increased funding

Gov. Parson still will review and possibly make vetoes by June 30. This legislative session saw the least amount of bills that were ever passed. A democratic filibuster in the last week of session killed an attempt to limit the ballot initiative by citizens.

Adjourned at 9:05