

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**January 23, 2023**  
**City of Coeur d'Alene - Conference Room 6**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**6:30 pm**

**Commissioners Present**

Iris Siegler, Chair  
Kim Torgerson  
Beth Ann Fuller  
Jolie Wenglikowski  
Royale Lockhart

**Staff Present**

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

**Commissioner Absent**

Taleya Jones (Student Rep.)  
Anna Bettis (Student Rep.)  
Stephanie Goss  
Susie Freligh

**Call to Order -**

Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**Roll Call** – All Commissioners present with the exception of Taleya Jones, Anna Bettis, Stephanie Goss, and Susie Freligh.

**Approval of the Minutes from the November 22, 2022 meeting (Action item)**

**Motion** by Torgerson **to approve** the November 22, 2022 meeting minutes **second** by Wenglikowski; **Motion carried.**

**Commission Comments** – Iris Siegler shared that in the past the police department was working on a notification system to alert childcare facilities that are near a school when they go into lockdown. The Police Department responded and said currently private schools and childcare facilities are not part of the school districts notification protocol. Law enforcement officers will make the decision in the moment, while responding to, or on scene of a call on notifications to private businesses, schools or residences in the surrounding areas.

**Public Comments** – Keri Cederquist with the United Way shared the efforts of the Early Learning Collaborative which the United Way is the lead agency. It used to be referred to as the Early Education and Learning Taskforce. The collaborative was rebranded to be more in line with the state-wide collaboratives which are a total of 21 around the state. There are four goals areas being worked on which are; access to high-quality childcare, CBDG Funding from the city in 2020 for covid grants and regular CBDG grants, in 2021 became the fiscal agents for the

Community Programs Grant from health and welfare which was 1.25 million to help implement the strategic plan, also received GEAR Funding which is the Governor's emergency education relief fund for administrative purposes. The largest bulk of dollars has been put into scholarships for 150 families in all five counties to help subsidize the childcare payments and payments are paid directly to childcare providers. Investing in materials, supplies, and infrastructure for childcare providers.

**Website update discussion** – The commission suggested several updates to the webpage which included moving the “Choose Your Own Plate” link under resources and adding links that will provide Idaho Stars resources, higher education and explanation of the city background check verses the state background check.

### **Representative Reports**

**IDAHOSTARS** – Royale Lockhart shared that in Region 1 they are down a staff member. Currently, there are no live workshops available for continuing education classes.

**NAFCC** – None.

**CENTER** – None.

**STUDENT** – None.

**PANHANDLE HEALTH** – None.

**Next Meeting February 27, 2023**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Torgerson to adjourn, seconded by Fuller Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**