

Mayor's Commission for Children Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 12, 2018, 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Foster South Committee Room

202 S John Q Hammons Parkway

Springfield Mo. 65806

Commission members present: Gerry Lee, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Bria Coale, Susie Henderson and Linda Raimy-Greive,

Commission members absent: Christy Davis, Missy Riley, Shara Cash, Jennifer McClure

Council members present: Kimberly Shinn-Brown, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Dr. Kayce Morton, Pat Gartland, John Chastain, Dr. Doug McNeal, Alexis Brown, Jan Fisk, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Carol Wooten, Amy Chenoweth

Council members absent: Laurie Edmondson , Paul Satterwhite, Morey Mechlin

Gerry Lee called the Commission meeting to order at 8:05. He welcomed our newest member to the Advisory Council, Carol Wooten.

Minutes from the May Commission were approved with Linda Ramey Greive motioned to approve and Susie Henderson seconded the motion.

The new Vision and Mission statement was approved by the Commission. Dr. Elizabeth Andrews made the motion to accept and Linda Ramey Greive seconded that motion.

Our presentation for the morning was on the topic of Suicide. Amy Chenoweth was our presenter. Missouri is 18th in US for suicide among children. It is the leading cause of death in US for LGBT ages 10-24. Second cause of death for all ages 15-24.

1 in 10 preschoolers have suicidal thoughts. Amy talked about the warning signs through their talk and behavior/mood. We had a lot of discussion about stressful life events and the impact it is having on children. Good discussion by the entire group. Amy encouraged us to get trained and gave us the local resources as well as the national hotline.

Round the Table announcements were made. At 8:45 we adjourned.

