

Mayor's Commission for Children Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Bill Foster South Conference Room

Springfield, Mo. 65806

Commission members present: Missy Riley, Christy Davis, Susie Henderson, Monica Horton, Jennifer McClure, Brandy Harris, Linda Saturno, Chris Jarratt, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews

Advisory Council Present: Mike White, Carol Wooten, Alexis Brown, Dr. Kayce Morton, Dr. Doug McNeal
John Chastain, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Connie Joy

Chairman Susie Henderson opened the meeting at 8:02 and asked for an approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Chris Jarratt to accept. Missy Riley seconded that motion. Minutes were approved by the commission.

Brandy Harris spoke to the group about the expansion of the Boys and Girls Club programs within the Springfield Public Schools. Dr. Kayce Morton reminded everyone that there would be a Healthcare for All Panel at Fairbanks this Thursday at 10:00 am. She will send information to all after the meeting.

Dr, Doug McNeal shared information regarding a Lawsuit against Missouri regarding special needs and medically fragile children. The group has been successful in Illinois.

Missy gave us an update on Early Childhood. 940 kids at the present time. Possibility of adding three year olds. March 2 started kindergarten registration. March 13-kindergarten screening began. Explore registration started too. Posting for 22 positions and a new assistant director.

Monica Horton updated us on family literacy nights at Northpoint Church on National. Volume 2 Black History Kids Corner Publication and Newsletter update.

Dr. Doug McNeal asked the question on what support for teachers is available. Depression/behavioral remedies for coping. Eap? Telemedicine might be a solution-less stigma for teachers. Susie asked if we might survey our teachers on what is driving them to leave the profession.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.