

Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

Zoom mtg 8 am December 8th 2020

Members present: Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Monica Horton, Brandy Harris, Christy Davis, Missy Riley, Chris Jarratt, Amy Chenoweth, Jennifer McClure Absent: Linda Saturno

Advisory Council Present: Gerry Lee, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Jan Fisk, Mike White, Dr. Kayce Morton, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Christian Mechlin, John Chastain, Dr. Tamara Fusco, Kimberly Shinn Brown, Alexis Brown, Dr. Jennifer Baker

Absent: Rinda Davis, Susie Henderson Dr. Nicole Holt, Carol Wooten

Guest Speaker: Minority Floor Leader- Representative Crystal Quade

New Chairman Dr. Elizabeth Andrews opened the meeting welcoming a new member to the Advisory Council-Dr. Tamara Fusco.

Dr. Andrews asked for approval of minutes. Monica Horton offered motioned to approve and Brandy Harris made the second motioned. Minutes were approved as written by the Commission.

Brigitte introduced Representative Quade and asked the question what the Missouri Legislative session would look like with the pandemic at full swing.

Quade said their will be no group tours or internships. No Lobby days and testimony made be done by Video. There is discussion about revising some House rules to allow Zoom meetings. Maybe taking weeks off like last session but continue with budget committee meeting to get budget ready by the first of May. New leaders were elected this past week. Care Acts Funding needs to be appropriated by December 3 -the remaining money. Covid 19 Liability will be one of the first things the legislature will address in January.

Filing for bills started December 1. Wayfair Tax and Gas tax will be revenue generating bills on the table.

Cody Smith will be House budget chair and Vice Chair will be Senator Hough. Discussion on Medicaid Expansion and the cost upfront was discussed along with Education funding during the pandemic. Another topic to come up will be an Initial Petition Bill to make it harder to pass statute and state constitutional changes-adding congressional approval. House bill 1414 key provision is homeless youth medical bill. Early childhood bill has been filed by Senator Hough again for this session. Crystal has filed on the House side.

Jan Fisk updated us on City revenue and the process for applying for City Counciland Mask Mandate extended to April 9th.

Superintendent search is in full swing and 8 packets have been picked up for school board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00. January mtg will be Mandated Reporter Training over Zoom.

