

WASHOE COUNTY CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: September 21, 2022

PLACE: Washoe County Commissioners' Chambers and via Zoom

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Haley Hamel, Child Development Specialist
Kristin Marenco, For Profit Child Care Provider (Center)
Julietta Ferraren, Recipient of Child Care Services
Lindsey Klaes, Washoe County Human Services Agency

MEMBERS

PRESENT

VIA ZOOM: Candace Dietrich, Recipient of Child Care Services
Kellissa Shirane, Washoe County Health Department
Tiffany Dyer, Nevada State Division of Child and Family Services

MEMBERS

NOT

PRESENT: Ryan Putzer, For Profit Child Care Provider (Center)
Harmony Shreve, For Profit Child Care (Home)
Alexis Erlach, Recipient of Child Care Services
Brett Lee, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
Chris McCubbins, Sparks Fire Department
Dianna Karlicek, Environmental Health Services, Washoe County Health Department

Item 1: Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and three board members were present in person, three board members present via Zoom, and five board members were not present. There were not enough members present to make a quorum to be able to vote on any agenda items needing a vote.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2022 Meeting

Because a quorum was not present to vote, the Board was not able to approve the meeting minutes for March 2, 2022. The approval will be tabled until the Board's next meeting scheduled for March 8, 2023.

Item 3: Board Positions

Julietta Ferraren is no longer a recipient of childcare, which creates one vacancy on the Board for a recipient of childcare. Lindsey Klaes presented Ms. Ferraren a certificate of appreciation for her time served on the Board since 2019. Ms. Klaes asked that if anyone has any suggestions for a candidate or would like to recommend or nominate someone to the Board, to please reach out to her or to the childcare licensing clerical team.

Item 4: Regulation 25.1 – Before/After School Care

Ms. Klaes presented a proposed regulation change for before and after school care clarifying the qualification to those attending K-12 school for a full day. Due to not having a quorum present to vote on this item, it will be re-visited at the March 8, 2023 meeting.

Item 5: Department Update (Lindsey Klaes)

Ms. Klaes stated that there were no personnel changes within the Child Care unit of the Agency. The Agency continues to work out the bugs with the new background check process. Rolling out the LiveScan ability for the fingerprinting part of the background check seems to be working well. The Agency appreciates everyone's patience, grace, and flexibility as we grow and continue to learn this background check process together.

Item 6: Next Meeting Date March 8, 2023, from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

The next Washoe County Child Care Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2023, from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. Agenda items two (approval of minutes) and four (approval of change to regulation 25.1) will be revisited for a vote for approval.

Item 7: Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

Hayley Hamel asked about any update on the out of state background process, specifically the need for a criminal background check in previously lived in states, when an FBI background check was already being completed. Lindsey Klaes explained the necessity of doing the criminal out of state background check portion is due to the 2014 Child Care Development Block Grant. A caveat to that grant is the requirement of an eight-part background check, and the out of state portion is one part of that process. Ms. Klaes also explained that Washoe County did have a waiver for this background check process for seven years prior to it starting, and, unfortunately, the waiver's time has run out. Ms. Klaes is communicating everyone's suggestions and trends to the State. Ms. Klaes stated that everyone's understanding with the bumps in the road and growing pains is very much appreciated, as Nevada is only the third state to roll out this new process.

Candace Dietrich asked about the Agency's requirements of reporting and exclusion of COVID cases and the possibility of aligning them with those of the Washoe County School District. Lindsey Klaes advised that an announcement went out from the Washoe County Health District in August, and the Agency is now following the same recommended protocol as Washoe County School District. The Agency's role is to no longer to enforce exclusion, contact tracing, and closures. The center or provider is to notify parents of a possible outbreak and enforce exclusions.

Rebecca Vizina with UNR Cooperative Extension's Infant Toddler Child Development Associate Coaching Program, approached the podium to encourage participation in the Board meetings to the students she brought to the meeting. Rebecca expressed her surprise at the lack of participation by the early childhood community and thanked the Board members for the time and energy they put into these meetings.

There were no other public comments. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.