

WASHOE COUNTY CHILD CARE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: September 15, 2021

PLACE: Washoe County Commissioners' Chambers and via Zoom

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Hayley Hamel, Child Development Specialist
Kathy Sobrio, Washoe County Health District
Lindsey Klaes, Washoe County Human Services Agency

MEMBERS

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VIA ZOOM: Candace Dietrich, Recipient of Child Care
Julietta Ferraren, Recipient of Child Care Services

MEMBERS

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PRESENT: Ryan Putzer, For Profit Child Care Provider (Center)
Kristin Mareno, 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
Kim Franchi, Washoe County Health District
Tiffany Dyer, Nevada State Division of Child and Family Services

Item 1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Klaes and roll was taken. Ms. Klaes advised that because only five board members were present at tonight's meeting, the member attendance does not meet the 50 percent of the members plus one quorum requirement. Since a quorum is not present, no voting would be allowed to occur tonight.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2021 Meeting

The minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were **not** able to be approved because there were not enough board members present to vote. Approval of March 10, 2021 meeting minutes will be moved to the agenda for the March 2, 2022 meeting.

Item 3: Board Positions

Kathy Sobrio announced that she will be retiring in December 2021, and that Kellisa Shirane, Public Health Nurse with Washoe County Health District, would like to fill her position on the Board. Lindsey Klaes thanked Ms. Sobrio for her participation on the Board for over six years

and presented Ms. Sobrio with a certificate of appreciation. Two other board member's terms will be expiring next year, and the Board decided to discuss those at the March 2022 meeting when those members will be present.

Item 4: Regulation 17.5 - Independent Contractors in Presence of Employee

Ms. Klaes read the Regulation 17.5 aloud and advised that it is her understanding that in order to make any changes to this regulation, the request would need to be brought to the Legislature, which she understands is not an easy process. Audience member, Julie Wood, Independent Contractor with Kiddin' Around, came to the podium to explain what her program does, how she has the necessary clearance, such as a work permit card, and feels that she should not need to be supervised by childcare center employees. Ms. Wood advised that she went down to one of the last legislative sessions and was able to ask several questions of some of the representatives who created this regulation but felt that she didn't get proper answers to them. Ms. Wood expressed her frustration with the regulation's requirement that independent contractors be supervised and asked the Board if a decision could be made regarding the regulation that she, as well as all childcare providers, would be very appreciative. Discussion ensued by Hayley Hamel, Lindsey Klaes, and Child Care Licensing Worker, Victoria Bowers, who clarified that the statute has been re-written in such a way that it does not give Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA) the ability to get around it. Hayley Hamel questioned if the Agency had reached out to the State about this Regulation. Ms. Klaes advised that she did speak to the State, and they are using a sign-out sheet to release the liability of the center. Ms. Hamel asked if a final determination would be made by WCHSA Child Care Licensing, or if the matter would need to be voted on by the Board. Ms. Klaes suggests continuing this topic at the March 2022 meeting since there are not enough members present to vote on this tonight.

Item 5: Department Updates

Lindsey Klaes re-introduced herself as the new Child Care Licensing Supervisor and gave some history on her job experience with Washoe County Human Services, as well as out in the community in the childcare field. Ms. Klaes introduced WCHSA Licensing's new Office Assistant, Monica Kirkendall, who was present. Ms. Klaes advised that the notification received today from the State Health and Human Services Child Care Licensing regarding the policy change pertaining to employees needing to have had a complete background check prior to working with children in any capacity as of October 1st has been put on hold. Ms. Klaes clarified that child care employees can continue to work **under supervision** with the temporary work permit card receipt.

Item 6: Next Meeting Date March 2, 2022 from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

The next Washoe County Child Care Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2022 from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Item 7: Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

No public comments were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26p.m.