

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Early Childhood Development Commission
August 18, 2021
12:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Early Childhood Development Commission was held Wednesday, August 18, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

ROLL CALL

There were present appearing telephonically:

Melissa Charlie	Jennifer Randall
Rebecca Wachter	Mary Willey
Pam Walker, Vice-Chairperson	Meredith Maple, Chairperson

Comprising a quorum of the Board, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk
Debbie Brady, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator

Absent & Excused

Ivane Saenz	Joanne Spears
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MESSAGES

1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

1.b. Citizen's Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

NONE

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

WALKER,
Seconded by WILLEY

moved to approve the agenda and consent
agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses: Charlie, Willey, Wachter, Randall, Walker,
Maple

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Early Childhood Development Commission meeting minutes of July 21, 2021.
Early Childhood Development Commission meeting minutes of July 23, 2021.
Early Childhood Development Commission meeting minutes of July 29, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

REPORTS

1. 2021 Family Health Fair update from Eric Holland.

Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator, provided a report on the status of the 2021 Family Health Fair. Mr. Holland stated he has been in touch with health care providers, and they would not be attending the meeting. Mr. Holland received feedback from health care providers that they were not happy with the event being held at the Pioneer Park facility. The healthcare providers felt it would be more appropriate to have individual screenings at their own facilities. Mr. Holland stated the need for screenings was still being felt. The Fairbanks Public Health Center has volunteered to be open on Saturday to accommodate extra screenings. Lead screening would also potentially be available, but only for those who qualify for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Mr. Holland has contacted the Alaska Health Fair about this as well. Mr. Holland stated there would be an event on September 11, 2021, but he would need a group consisting of a commissioner or two and himself to brainstorm ways to help those with additional challenges to get their screenings. Mr. Holland discussed distributing gift bags as an incentive for people to get their screenings. Mammoth Marketing and Mr. Holland will be meeting to discuss advertising. Mr. Holland will also be working with Fifth Avenue Design to work on creating materials for distribution. He also addressed why they would not be searching for a different facility to hold the health fair.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission discussion with various health care providers in preparation for the 2021 Family Health Fair.

No health providers were able to attend and so this item was not discussed.

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

Ms. Wachter will not be able to attend the October 20, 2021 meeting and is excused by the chair.

Ms. Charlie is not available to attend the October 20, 2021 meeting is excused by the chair.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Walker stated she was pleased with the progress and would be willing to help.

Ms. Wachter agreed that using existing Covid-19 mitigation measures was very prudent.

Ms. Willey stated that she would be happy if even a few families or individuals were helped by these screenings.

Ms. Randall agreed with the other commissioners' comments and appreciated that the commission was working with the health care providers.

Ms. Charlie echoed others' comments and emphasized safety in the current climate.

Ms. Maple stated her appreciation for Mr. Holland's work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Early Childhood Development Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.