

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Early Childhood Development Commission
July 29, 2021
1:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Early Childhood Development Commission was reconvened Thursday, July 29, 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
Ivane Saenz
Mary Willey
Pam Walker, Vice Chair
Meredith Maple, Chair

Comprising a quorum of the commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III
Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator

Excused

Rebecca Wachter
Joanne Spears

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and planning for the 2021 Family Health Fair.

Mr. Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator, finished his presentation on the three different ways that the 2021 Family Health Fair could be held. The commissioners requested that Mr. Holland continue to put out inquiries and make efforts to holding the 2021 Family Health Fair in a combination of two of his discussed methods to hold the fair. Staff and the commissioners discussed the merits of using the Pioneer Park facility and the difficulties inherent in the audiology testing facet of the fair. Ms. Walker spoke on the difficulties of compelling the public to wear a mask. Mr. Holland has been in conversation with Mammoth Marketing and the event can be canceled if the Covid-19 situation worsens.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

2. Discussion on potential August meeting with the Fairbanks Family Partnership.

Mr. Holland stated that the meeting would likely happen in October or November. He also stated the most important thing to him was whether there would be a quorum on August 18, 2021.

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Walker stated that she is allowing Mr. Holland to continue to do what he needs to do to safely hold the 2021 Family Health Fair.

Ms. Willey asked whether it would be possible to get things ordered in time? Mr. Holland stated that should not be a problem.

Ms. Charlie added that she spoke to someone from Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center and she supports the idea of doing screening, but also recommended watching the Covid-19 case numbers, wearing the mask, following CDC guidelines, and to prepare themselves for the fact that they might have to cancel.

Ms. Saenz thanked people for the planning that has already been done.

Ms. Randall said that she supports moving forward and keeping it tightly focused on doing the screenings for the children, emphasizing a quick turn-around. She suggested only allowing a certain number of people inside the building at a time. She also added that Fairbanks Hearing and Balance is offering free screenings and that the immunization clinics are currently ongoing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Early Childhood Development Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.