



Memo

To: Breckenridge Town Council Members
From: Corrie Burr
Date: November 23, 2021
Subject: November 3, 2021 Child Care Advisory Meeting Report

The Child Care Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on November 3, 2021 . Committee members present via GoToMeeting: Greta Shackelford, Laura Amedro, Scott Perlow, Leslie Davis, Jay Homola and Kelly Owens. Johanna Gibbs was unable to attend. Staff from the Town of Breckenridge included Julia Puester and Corrie Burr.

Center Update

TLC currently has a classroom closure with a breakthrough case. Serial testing and exemptions are going very well. Only one person resigned with the new policy. County salary stipends have been coming in and used for wage increases and pay scale improvements. LRSB had one room closure and used the County dollars to increase wages across the board. Normal sickness is going around, staff and kids getting sick that is not Covid.

Update On Open Arms

All approved with Open Arms and their provider agreement. Austyn provided a letter to the Open Arms families to apply for tuition assistance. We have had a few families apply so far. We don't expect a huge number, but we should have some this year.

DOLA Update

Laurie and Austyn met with Greg Winkler at DOLA, but unfortunately he did not know too much about the options for child care facility funds. He referred them to Carin Rosa at Colorado's Office of Early Childhood within the Department of Human Services and Austyn has reached out to this person. We will continue to prepare for the potential of a child care facility at the Alta Verde 2 campus.

Capacity Analysis

This is underway, all four centers have been observed and reviewed. The next step is the report back to the committee and then to Council.

Summit Foundation

Austyn joined a round table discussion hosted by the Summit Foundation on child care in Summit County on October 28th. This meeting was to fully understand what is being done in the County in regards to child care. The panel members consisted of Lucinda Burns (Early

Childhood Options), Ryan Hyland and Kevin McDonald from the Town of Silverthorne, Diane McBride from the Town of Frisco and Austyn representing the Town of Breckenridge. The Summit Foundation president facilitated the discussion. This was a one-time discussion to focus on County-wide coordination with child care support. The group did ask if there was any opportunity to have one or more apartments in the upcoming Town projects be designed for an in-home child care center and provided by lottery. This is something that San Miguel County did with their most recent workforce housing project.

Committee Member Posting

There are 2 open positions for the Child Care Committee with Austyn moving to a Town employee and Joyce resigning. We will post in the Summit Daily, send through the Committee, post on social media and send through the Equity Committee members as well. The centers are encouraged to share the post with families as well. Scott Perlow also requested to get the posting out to Breckenridge Elementary and Upper Blue Elementary.

Long Term Funding

Kelly and Corrie updated the committee on the Council decisions to fund child care assistance with a long term funding source. This allocation of funding secures the program for many, many years with possible funds available for a new facility in Breckenridge. The committee is very thankful to Town Council and Town Manager for the shift in funds to support child care in Breckenridge.

Mountain Top

Kelly updated the committee that Mountain Top has secured a location for 3-years which is very exciting.

Next meeting is on January 5, at 10:30 am via GoToMeeting.

Adjourned at 11:23 am.

Staff will be available at the Town Council meeting for questions.