

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

CBJ Childcare Committee

There is created within the City and Borough of Juneau a seven-member Childcare Committee. The committee is composed of four Assembly members and three members representing the School District, the business community and the childcare profession. The proposed members are Assembly members Jones, Edwardson, Hale and Bryson and Bridget Weiss, Eric Eriksen and Blue Shibler.

Assembly member Jones shall serve as chair, the committee shall elect a vice chair from among its members at its first meeting.

Purpose

The purpose of the committee shall be to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Provide, to the Assembly, a framework of options for addressing the two key questions:
 - a. Should childcare be part of the core municipal funded activities? and
 - b. To what extent, if any, should education be part of childcare?
2. Reach out to groups in Juneau who might be able to provide additional information, program options or research on these issues.
3. Collect and attempt to determine public opinion on childcare issues for the Assembly. While committee members likely have personal opinions, it is desired that there be an effort to somehow collect and categorize public opinions. Options include:
 - a. Public polls. The Committee may choose to recommend financial support for polling the public. The committee may consider online, telephone or other polling approaches.
 - b. Proposing an advisory ballot initiative. The Committee may choose to recommend that the Assembly place an advisory question on a municipal election.
4. Provide framework of options.
 - a. If either or both of the questions in #1 above are recommended in the affirmative, the committee is requested to provide analysis and recommendation of alternative implementing approaches. The Best Starts proposal is one approach, the "do nothing option" is a second approach. The committee is requested to develop and consider other options with other financial costs.
 - b. The report may include discussion in regard to methods of financing and any of the program options recommended by the committee.

Time

The members shall serve until completion of their tasks which are proposed to be completed by February 28, 2019. The committee shall expire within six months of this date unless extended. The committee shall report to the Assembly Committee of the Whole as scheduled by the Deputy Mayor.

Meetings, Officers, Records, Quorum, Staff Support

The committee shall determine its meeting schedule according to its workload and at the call of the chair. All meetings shall be open to the public and advertised through the Municipal Clerk's office.

A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business. The committee shall follow the procedures used by the Assembly for transaction of its business, as interpreted by the City Attorney as necessary. The committee shall keep a record of its meetings, transaction, finding, determinations and written public comments received, which shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk and be open to public inspection at reasonable times.

The City Manager and City Attorney will provide staff support and assistance to the task force as appropriate and as time and priority allows.

Dated: November 5, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth A. Weldon", written over a horizontal line.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor
City and Borough of Juneau