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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 12, 2019

DATE: Wednesday, February 06, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve changes to the Regulations for Child Care Facilities in Washoe County to incorporate changes approved by the Legislative Subcommittee on Regulatory Changes as well as the Department of Health Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing Program.(All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Approve changes to the Regulations for Child Care Facilities in Washoe County to incorporate changes approved by the Legislative Subcommittee on Regulatory Changes as well as the Department of Health Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing Program.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 24, 2016, Item 5.F, the Board approved changes to the regulations for Child Care Facilities in Washoe County to incorporate changes approved by the Legislative Subcommittee on Regulatory Changes as well as the Department of Health Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing Program.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 45 of Washoe County Code as well as Nevada Revised Statute and Nevada Administrative Code 432A allow for the Department to adopt Child Care Facility regulations, guidelines, and standards and to amend them as necessary due to local or state changes. Changes must be at least as restrictive as the statutory and regulatory requirements.

Guidelines shall be based upon ordinance, applicable local, state and federal laws and the policies and standards as established by the Board of County Commissioners. Child Care Facility regulations seek to set a minimum standard for safety, quality and expectation of care provided to children while not accompanied by their parents or *guardians and set*

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definitions of that circumstance. This is done through the public hearing process both at the state and local levels and is approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The intent of proposed regulatory amendments is to protect the health and safety of children at child care facilities.

The proposed changes were codified by the state 6/09/17. In addition, SB46, SB189, SB 326 were signed into law by the Governor of Nevada between 5/22/17 and 6/14/17. Changes were addressed and approved locally at the Child Care Advisory Board on 6/27/18.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's budget related to the proposed regulation changes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve changes to the Regulations for Child Care Facilities in Washoe County to incorporate changes approved by the Legislative Subcommittee on Regulatory Changes as well as the Department of Health Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing Program.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be to "Move to approve changes to the Regulations for Child Care Facilities in Washoe County to incorporate changes approved by the Legislative Subcommittee on Regulatory Changes as well as the Department of Health Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing Program."