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## Visioneering Wichita B-K Alliance Agenda & Notes

Monday, February 9, 2009 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Jim Garrett, Shantel Randolph, Emily Lies, June Rempel, Michele Spainhower, Vicky Roper, Cayla Wasson, Rita Flickinger, Debbie Mai, Kandi Miller, Sue Barrientos, Teresa Rupp, Lorraine Dold, Shantel Randolph

### Purposes of the Day

- Review Early Childhood Planning System
- Set Alliance Priorities
- Identify Meeting Framework
- Visioneering Update

### Early Childhood Planning System Review

#### **Strategic Theme Area: Early Care and Education**

**Goal #1: Providers of early care and education have opportunities and resources to improve the quality of early childhood services.**

- Objective #1 – *Increase the number of providers of early care and education who satisfactorily complete quality rating systems by the number that funding will allow each year.*
  - Collect data for 2007 – 2008 – 2009 on the following:
    - How many classrooms
    - What % of sites are licensed
  - How do we encourage sites to mentor each other about KQRS
  - Develop a progress report which includes participation, reduce duplication
  - Child Start will provide data for primary and secondary beneficiaries
  - Block grant report criteria
  - Additional agency information – KCSL, Healthy Babies, Health Dept, etc.
- **Summary**
  - **Create report**
  - **Who (Vicky, Kandi, Child Start, Emily)/how to compile**
  - **Audience/distribution**
- Objective #2 – *Increase access to financial incentives based on quality rating for every Early Childhood provider who would like to participate.*
  - Collect data for 2007 – 2008 – 2009 on the following:
    - # of KDHS participants (refer to Objective #1 for implementation)
- Objective #3 – *Establish a registry of quality rating standards and make it available to parents, grantees, and funders.*
  - Need incentives
  - Teresa will ask her staff about data
- Objective #4 – *Establish a relationship with school districts to measure Kindergarten readiness for program participants.*
  - Smart Start
  - One page summary of what doing with WSU and their programs

- Objective #5 – *Increase the rate of pay for Early Child Care and Education providers based on increased qualifications and education level:*
  - Has there been a recent wage survey? Teresa will check with her staff
  - Teacher training in the community setting – paid?
  - Collect data for 2007 – 2008 – 2009 on the following:
    - TOP project (has at least baseline data)

**Goal #2: Children and families have access to high quality early childhood services.**

- Objective #1: *Increased funding for additional children to receive affordable high quality birth to five early childhood services for all families who want it.*
  - Increased funding from block grant
  - Improved message access – educated some funders
- Objective #2: *Increase political will for increased investment in early childhood services.*
  - 2008 legislative session
  - Early Education Day
  - Legislative support – unified voice – approval & support
  - Visibility of locations, message
- Objective #3: *Increase parental interest in and demand for high quality early childhood services.*
  - Parent interest/demand
  - Parents taking tours are asking different questions, more variety of questions

**Goal #3: High quality parenting education opportunities are desirable and accessible.**

- Objective #1: *More community-based practitioners will be prepared to offer appropriate, research-based parenting information and referrals to families.*
  - Collect data for 2007 – 2008 – 2009 on
    - Referrals, parent participation in education (PAT and Healthy Babies are getting more referrals – June and Vicky will look for data)
  - Include in survey 2 – 3 questions
  - Increased class & waiting list for voluntary programs

**Strategic Theme Area: Health Care**

**Goal #1: Families within the Wichita MSA will raise physically and mentally healthy children.**

- Objective #1: *Conduct an assessment to identify current levels of utilizations, barriers to access, and perceived need to care within three months of plan implementation*
  - *On hold for now*
- Objective #2: *Increase community awareness of importance of social/emotional development beginning from birth to prepare for school success.*
  - Gather data through ongoing survey from Wichita Cares, Smart Start, etc. Knight Foundations
- Objective #3: *Develop a plan to increase utilization of mental and physical health services within one year of plan implementation*
  - Define universal screening
  - A sub-group needs to develop the plan

A **survey** needs to be developed to gather data. Questions need to be clearly identified and have a clear understanding of definitions for future surveys. There is a need for a graduate student to compile data collected.

Updated information on out-of-wedlock births from the Visioneering Case for Change was shared.

	2002	2007
Sedgwick Co.	35.6%	46.2%
Sumner Co.	31.4%	38.0%
Harvey Co.	28.3%	32.4%
Butler Co.	27.5%	36.9%

### **Priorities Going Forward**

Agenda item carried forward to next alliance meeting

### **Meeting Framework**

Agenda item carried forward to next alliance meeting

### **Visioneering Update**

The Review, Revise & Refocus Initiative is underway. This alliance falls under the Education Foundation. That meeting is Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 at WSU Metroplex. Everyone is encouraged to attend. From this meeting we will determine priorities going forward for Visioneering. Also, there are a series of evening community meetings that will be more general in format. Meeting schedule:

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/newsletter/3R%20Meeting%20Schedule.pdf>

### **Next Meeting**

Agenda:

- Continue review of Early Childhood Planning System
- Alliance Priorities Going Forward
- Meeting Framework

Date: March 9, 2009, 2:00 p.m. location to be determined