



Visioneering Birth-K Alliance
September 14, 2009
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Cayla Wasson, Teresa Rupp, Beth Oaks, Kandi Miller Chelie Nelson, Nancy Rasmussen, Shirley Theurer, Debbie Mai, Emily Lies, Jim Garrett, Luella Sanders, Tiane Fox, Glenda Wilcox, Chris Johnston, Anne Harris, Marla Canfield, Susan Lamb, Walt Thiessen, Rita Flickinger, Cornelia Stevens

Block Grant Update

Jim Garrett provided a copy of the August 28, 2009 grant report to the state. He plans to go to each individual agency and spot check their documents for provision of services and billings. He has met with the grant evaluators who have expressed concern about the inconsistency of data submitted. Finance department representatives will spot check the documents for billings. This is necessary documentation in case of an audit.

Budget changes need to be submitted to Jim by Friday, September 18th for him to report to the state next week. If changes are just moving money around and not changing outcomes there is no need to report the change. If outcomes are revised the block grant recipients will need to discuss as a group and approve. Need to be sure any changes fit grant parameters.

Jim also provided a handout outlining progress on grant goals as of August 28, 2009.

Teresa has received no additional information from the Children's Cabinet.

Co-Chair Discussion

Teresa reviewed Co-Chair responsibilities:

1. Attend the MSA Council meeting the month prior to the alliance meeting. At this meeting the agenda will be set. The alliance will be notified of the agenda items and asked to submit additional agenda items.
2. Lead the alliance meetings.

Alliance members recommended a progressive co-chair process where there are two co-chairs with another alliance member in a mentoring position so in the future the leadership transition will be efficient. Therefore, Teresa agreed to remain as co-chair through the end of 2010. Emily Lies offered to co-chair with Teresa and Chelie Nelson volunteered to become co-chair along with Emily in 2011. Cornelia Stevens volunteered to be mentored after Chelie moves into the co-chair position. Alliance members were in consensus with this process.

General Discussion

The alliance members need to be more deliberate about sharing state information with each other. Cornelia (and others who have links to state-level bodies) can help keep the alliance informed about what's going on at the state level. Any information an alliance

member would like to forward to the group can be emailed to Diane. She will send out to the entire alliance on your behalf.

Visioneering Updates

Older Adult Alliance – The MetLife Foundation hosted a regional “Livable Community” summit in July. Participants had an opportunity to apply for Jump Start Grants to continue the work from the conference. Fifteen grants were awarded for a total of \$15,500.

Recreation Alliance – They launched their website www.GoPlayKansas.com. Currently only Sedgwick County parks and open spaces information is available. State information will soon be added. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are building their curriculum around the website. Also, dance and PE teachers state-wide are interested in how they can use the website.

Mentoring Alliance – There will be a state-wide drop-out prevention summit on Oct 20th at WSU. It is a one day summit to develop real solutions to keep our kids in school. Details and registration information are on the website www.kansasdropins.org.

Downtown Revitalization – Everyone is encouraged to attend the downtown master plan presentations. They are Sept 22 & 23 at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Wichita Scottish Rite. More information is on the website www.downtownwichita.org.

Next Meeting

Next alliance meeting: Nov 9th, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Chamber.
The Block Grant workgroup will meet once the RFP is out.