



Vioneering Birth-K Alliance October 10, 2011 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Cornelia Stevens, Emily Lies, Vicky Roper, Walter Thiessen, Teresa Rupp, Shantel Randolph, Cayla Wasson, Julie McShane, Shirley Theurer, Audra Kenneson, Kandi Miller, Glenda Wilcox, Hilary Koehn, Lee Ann Balke, Diane Longfellow

Report on Other VW Alliances

College Mecca:

The Destination Downtown event did take place. There will be a report at the alliance meeting this Wednesday, October 12th. Many of the 21 institutions of higher learning in our region signed an agreement to work together to encourage citizens to come back to school. They have identified goals they have in common – reaching the general public and making returning to school easier.

Family Strengthening:

They have been discussing the *Roadmap for Kansas*. This is a document developed for the governor.

[http://www.vioneeringwichita.com/newsletter/Kansas%20Marriage%20Consultation%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.vioneeringwichita.com/newsletter/Kansas%20Marriage%20Consultation%20(2).pdf)

At their next alliance meeting they will have a conference call with David Belankenhorn, Founder and President of the Institute for American Values, and David Lapp (research associate). They are the authors of the *Roadmap for Kansas* document. www.americanvalues.org

Health:

The leadership team is planning a book read and has selected The Blue Zone by Dan Buettner. The Blue Zone has done a study looking for pockets where the population has lived longer, looking for common themes within those pockets. Nine common themes have been identified. The leadership team wants to engage the community in a discussion about what we can do in these areas to improve our community. The target date for the initial read discussion is December 12th.

Environmental Sustainability:

The alliance has developed a mission and vision. They have identified priority areas: transportation, air quality, water quality & quantity, built environment, energy efficiency and solid waste. There is a connection with families and being healthy. They are organizing input from their forums into an action oriented plan.

Early Childhood Grant Update

The RFP for the Early Childhood Grant has been released. They have kept funding stable for 2012. Six core service areas have been identified. They are aligning this grant with the Smart Start grant. There is a 10% match with no in-kind. However, it would a good idea to include in-kind to show value added. The grant is due November 4th.

Early Childhood Grant Match Funds

The Wichita Community Foundation funds for cash match have been transferred to United Way.

Other Updates

The Wichita Child Abuse Fatalities Community Response Team report has been submitted to the Children's Cabinet outlining their goals, objectives and activities for March, April, May, and June 2011.

The *Preventing Child Maltreatment and Promoting Well-Being: Network for Action* has identified 12 priorities. These priorities validate the direction our community response team is taking. This information can be used for grants with a child abuse prevention piece. For additional information visit their website: <http://friendsnrc.org/strategic-projects>

Kansas SRS has released their report "*Child Death Attribute Report: SFY2007 to SFY2011*."

WSU has completed their report for CAFCRT, Accomplishment Assessment Findings, May 2011. A survey and follow-up listening session was conducted. The executive summary states there was agreement indicating that CAFCRT's efforts related to the Period of Purple Crying, crisis nursery, public awareness and education, and collaboration/partnerships are the primary accomplishment to date.

National Movement for America's Children has launched a nationwide pledge, listening tour and crowd-sourcing tool designed to develop a national strategy for the healthy growth and development of every child. There is a pledge sign-up form on the meeting handout that can be completed and returned to Vicky Roper or completed on-line: <http://www.movementforchildren.org/sign-it/>

35th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is November 2-4, 2011 at the Ramada Hotel & Convention Center, Topeka, KS. Details can be found on the KCSL website: https://www.kcsl.org/training_conference.aspx

Electing New Alliance Co-Chair

Emily Lies has completed her 2 year commitment as co-chair of the Visioneering Birth-K Alliance. We would like to have another co-chair in place before our January 9th alliance meeting to make a smooth transition. Cornelia Stevens will continue as co-chair in 2012. Duties consist of setting the agenda for the alliance meetings. This is done via email. Also, as the need arises, coordinating with other alliance when Birth-K representation is requested. This is a 2 year commitment.

Next Meeting

Next alliance meeting is January 9, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber.