



Visioneering Wichita B-K Alliance Agenda & Notes

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 – 8:30 a.m.

Attendees: Anne Maack, Cayla Wasson, Suzie Ahlstrand, Walt Thiessen, Debbie Mai, Kandi Miller, Lorraine Dold, Jeff Usher, James Garrett, Luella Sander, Nancy Rasmussen, Chris Johnston, Michele Spainhower, Vicky Roper,

Purposes of the Day

- Welcome & Introductions
- Timeline of Early Childhood Block Grant Application
- Determining a targeted request
- Match process for Counties across SC Kansas
- Program approach and evaluation
- Who else Needs to be Contacted and by Who?

Timeline of Early Childhood Block Grant Application

Team developed a tentative list of important dates between now and when the grant application is due. Additional dates likely to be added as grant is developed.

August 20th – Butler County ECCC – 11 am - 1 pm at First United Methodist Church
August 20th - Harvey County ECCC – 2 pm - 4 pm, location TBD
August 21st – Sedgwick County ECCC - 8:30 am - 10:30 am at Connecting Point
August 21st or 22nd – Sumner County ECCC – time and location TBD
August 25th- Leadership Team Meeting at 8:30 am at CCSR
August 26th- Writing Team Meeting – time and location TBD
September 8th- Leadership Team Meeting at 8:30 am at CCSR
September 22nd- Submit grant (Hope on 19th to Submit)
October 23rd- Notified
November 1st- Grant Awarded

Determining a Targeted Request & Target Match Process for Counties

Team reviewed a series of powerpoints regarding the RFP, including those related to cash match. Based on this review:

- Money can not be used for other matches
- Needs to be real cash (not in-kind)
- Money match by an agency or reduced overhead, but out of a foundation/saving account (not intended/earmarked for programs)

Team reviewed various data related to children B-K for the region. In addition, recommendation was to review materials available through the Children's Cabinet to determine targeted estimated range to request.

Currently, team is targeting 2.5 m to 3.3 m, plus 10% cash match (\$250,000-\$330,000)

In order to show the commitment from the various communities, best if funders in various communities could contribute to the match.

United Way has offered to help raise cash match and provided a letter to that intention. Question was raised regarding how related to United Way blackout period?

Wichita Community Foundation has offered to convene four county area funders (e.g., community foundations and others). Discussed the possibility of an interest fund and whether WCF could be a repository regardless of who is the fiscal agent for grant.

Program Approach & Evaluation

Team discussed at length the different options and organizations that could serve as the 1) fiscal agent, 2) administrator and 3) evaluator for the grant either as individual tasks or to do all three. The team discussed several different options, including United Way, KCSL, Rainbows, WCF, and the Chamber's foundation. After discussing pros/cons of each, the team reach consensus was that:

- ECCC would serve as administrator
- Rainbows would serve as the fiscal agent
- Explore the interest of Randy Ellsworth and Larry Gwaltney at Wichita State University as evaluators as they have experience with evaluation of children initiatives in the past and the WSU connection would add credibility to the application.

Who Else Needs to Be Contacted – Questions for Children's Cabinet

Team kept a running list of questions for the Children's Cabinet, including...

- **Sustainability.** What is likelihood of funds being sustained and need for local funds to be sustained? How should the activities/program approach relate to sustainability?
- **Smart Start.** What is the relationship between this RFP and Smart Start?
- **Data.** What data sources should one consider for calculating the number of children and at-risk children in our geographic area? Do they use a specific federal or state source for those calculations?

Other Notes/Things to Keep in Mind

- Sustainability – not emphasized in the RFP, but always important
- Evidence Based- Research Based? - Use cabinet criteria and scale
- Write as if this will be more than 1 year
- Promise partners beyond 1 year
- Remember 4 county plan
- Early childhood business partners
 - Interested
 - Invite them robustly
- Find out 0-5 in poverty (at risk)
 - Kids count, free lunch, and plans from Children’s Cabinet as sources

Next Leadership Team Meeting

August 25th at 8:30 am at CCSR (light breakfast provided)

Immediate Next Steps

| <i>Who?</i> | <i>Doing What?</i> | <i>By When?</i> |
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| Vicky | Distribute Continuum of EB Child Cabinet | Done |
| Jim & Programs | Explore EB practices and whether applies to SC Kansas (most recent) –EB at the program level | 8/25 |
| Suzie to ask WCF | Convene SC area funders | Done |
| Jim | See Randy & Larry regarding possible evaluation. | Done |
| Leadership designer | Contact Children’s Cabinet with questions | Ongoing – hard to track down. |
| Suzie | Determine if WCF fiscal Agent (8/25) | Done |
| ?? | Find out the guidelines for ECCCs - who can serve on them? | |