

Visioneering Wichita Birth-K Strategic Alliance Leadership Team

Date, time: 2:30 p.m. January 8, 2007, Self Help Network

Attendees: Teresa Rupp, Walt Thiessen, Vickie Burgess-McArthur, Lorraine Dold, Carla Heintz, Nancy Rasmussen, Jeanine Phillips, Sue Barrientos, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

Today's Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Develop Agenda for January Alliance meeting
 - Update on EC Planning Grant – Vickie
 - KHF grant was approved as well
 - Suzie would like to see another article to announce receipt of the grant and acknowledge how collaborative things are. Vickie will work with Jeff about how the KHF is mentioned.
 - Follow up on meeting agreements from October
 - Governor's budget recommendations related to early childhood – Lorraine
 - Share 2007 timeline recommendations
 - Request people to participate on impact paper workgroup
 - Announce Smart Start TAC conference call at The Chamber on January 25
3. Timeline for 2007
 - What benchmarks do we need to achieve?
 - What do we need to do by when?
 - Who else do we need to involve this year?
 - Handout: Health Care Alliance White Paper

The group discussed the timelines for both the Early Childhood Planning Grant and the development of an impact paper to use when

creating community “buy-in” around early childhood issues. The white paper recently produced by the Health Care Alliance was shared with the Leadership Team as a model.

Early Childhood Planning Grant Timeline

February 2007	Identify additional stakeholders as mandated by grant
March 2007	Complete review of successful communities
April 2007	Identify strategies to utilize information gathered thus far

A copy of the Grant Application, including work plan, will be made available and additional benchmarks set accordingly.

Visioneering Alliance Planning

January 2007	Formation of White Paper Work Group (Focus on Economic Impact of investing in Early Childhood services)
February 2007	Identify target audience for information Dissemination
April 2007	White Paper draft presented to Alliance
October 2007	Development of proposal for Unified Legislative Agenda

4. Update on the KCCTF Early Childhood Planning Grants

- The planning grant for the Wichita MSA was approved as well as the match grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. This will include planning meetings for the four individual counties in addition to the entire MSA. The Birth-K Alliance will serve as the Advisory Board for the grant.
- The SHN will be assisting three other communities: Rice County, Harper County, and a 12 county area led by Arrowhead West in Dodge City. The Network will be establishing a work group to discuss ways to pull these communities together.

5. Update on December State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting

- The State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) held a special meeting in response to the Governor’s request for a recommendation as to the Lead Agency for Part C Infant/Toddler

Services across the state. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is the current lead agency. The Governor proposed a change in leadership to SRS and the Kansas Board of Education (BOE) subsequently expressed an interest. Both SRS and the BOE presented proposed leadership models to the ICC and approximately 20 individuals (parents and community leaders) shared comments in regard to the proposed changes. A second special meeting was held on January 5. No recommendation has been made to date. The Alliance Leadership Team will continue to monitor the issue as this could significantly impact how early childhood services are administered across the State.

6. Upcoming meeting dates and times

- Alliance meeting: January 22, 2007, 2:00 at SHN
- Leadership meeting: February 12, 2007, 2:30 at SHN

7. Additional items/updates

- There was an article in the Eagle 01/07/07 highlighting Early Childhood issues that will likely be discussed in this legislative session.
- The Smart Start Technical Assistance Center (TAC) will be hosting a conference call regarding governance in early care and education across the country. This conference call will be held on Thursday, January 25th at 2:00 p.m. The Chamber has agreed to host this call locally for anyone who would like to attend. (These calls are usually an hour and a half in length.)