



Visioneering Wichita
Birth-K Strategic Alliance Meeting
May 21, 2007
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Rita Flickinger, Nancy Crandall, Jeff Usher, Emily Lies, Roxanne Brotsky, Nancy Rasmussen, June Rempel, Virginia Swecker, Jim Bolden, Shirley Theurer, Susan Harsh, Debbie Mai, Karina Boyd, Lorraine Dold, Kandi Miller, Deb Voth, Sue Sommers Barrientos, Calene Binns, Kenny Presley, Kelly Hayes, Teresa Rupp, Lyndon Drew, Susan Wilson, Michele Spainhower, Anne Maack, Susanne Chapel-Miller, Anne Cravens, Cayla Wasson, James Garrett, Jeanine Phillips

Leadership Team: Beverly White, Bill Hanna, Carla Heintz, Chelie Nelson, Connie McMullin, Jeannie Phillips, Jeff Usher, Kandi Miller, Karina Boyd, Kelly Hayes, Lorraine Dold Bockorny, Nancy Rasmussen, Sue Sommers Barrientos, Susan Wilson, Teresa Rupp, Vickie McArthur, Walter Thiessen

Purposes of today's Alliance Meeting:

- *Review of Alliance Benchmark and purpose*
- *Review data collected since April meeting*
- *Discuss next steps*

I. Review of Alliance Benchmark and Purposes

Teresa Rupp and Lorraine Bockorny, Alliance co-chair, reviewed the establishment of the B-K Alliance and the Alliance Benchmark: *To develop a plan for an Early Childhood System for South Central Kansas so that all children enter Kindergarten ready to learn.*

As part of the benchmark the Alliance had expressed the need to gather relevant data to inform the plan development process. Subsequently, the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund (KCCTF) made grants available for communities to develop a plan for a comprehensive system for early childhood services. The Wichita MSA was successful in obtaining one of these grants and this money is funding the Alliance work at this time.

Alliance meetings will be spent working on developing the plan for the MSA. Individual counties are welcome to work on a process for their communities and Self-Help Network staff will be available to consult, if needed.

II. Data Collection Update and Review

Self-Help Network staff distributed a rough draft of the data that has been collected by alliance members thus far. There are plans to add relevant data from Kids Count in each county as well as the mandated data elements received from the KCCTF related to the grant. The Alliance Leadership Team had reviewed the information last week and welcomes additional feedback:

- Would prefer "like" data be together in the report

- For data elements that are “percent of live births” - it would be helpful to have the actual number of live births to compare
- Better define terms used in indicators
- Will need analytical people to help in the interpretation – who can we invite?
- Need to include trend data wherever possible – don’t make assumption based on one year

SHN will further organize the data received and Alliance member were encouraged to forward any additional data to Cayla Wasson at cwasson@rui.org.

III. Next Steps

Once data collection is at a point that the group can move forward, the Alliance will use that data to create Needs Statements. A worksheet that can be used in the process was presented to Alliance members. From there, goal statements and an action plan will be developed. Alliance members want to assure we have the right people at the table to analyze the data and truly determine needs for the MSA as well as individual counties. The Alliance approved the proposed process.

Additionally, the Alliance discussed the summer meeting schedule. Based on the amount of work to be done, the Alliance agreed to continue to meet monthly with the June Alliance meeting being in Newton.

IV. Other Announcements

A. Suzie updated the Alliance on the Visioneering Annual Meeting that was held on May 15 at the WSU Metroplex.

B. The results of the Community Identity Alliance’s attitudinal survey will soon be available. We will schedule a presentation of the findings for a future Alliance meeting.

Next Leadership Team Meeting: Monday, June 11, 2007 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Self-Help Network, 358. N. Main

Next Alliance Meeting: Monday, June 18, 2007 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Newton – location TBA *NOTE LOCATION CHANGE*