



## **Visioneering Wichita Healthcare Strategic Alliance Summary of Accomplishments to Date December 2005**

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From the last report in September, health and human service providers and leaders, neighborhood and community leaders, regional county and city officials, have worked to improve the quality and accessibility of health care services throughout the region. The Strategic Alliance has quickly made progress on several issues, including:

- Increasing collaborations and partnerships between existing coalitions and organizations/agencies from a regional approach.
  - Existing regional champions came together to help design the role of the Healthcare Alliance for Year 2006. The following are some of the champions: Health and Wellness Coalition, Harvey County Health Department, Sedgwick County Health Department, United Way, Project Access.
  - The leadership team has expanded to the regional champions and one other local representative.
- Identifying and focusing on the action area: Ensuring the availability and adequate supply of qualified healthcare professionals.
  - Proposal was made to the Unified Legislative Alliance regarding expansion costs in nursing programs in Post-Secondary public educational institutions in South Central Kansas.
- Revisiting Current Benchmark
  - Progress has been made in reviewing the primary factor of healthcare costs. Efforts are being made to access state and national data to establish a baseline and to which a specific numerical percentage can be developed within a certain timeframe.
  - Two sub-committees formed to address the issues of Quality and Accessibility.
- Identified focus areas for Year 2006:
  - Benchmark sub-committees continue to meet and report to the Healthcare Alliance.
  - Continue to work on Year 2005 Priority Areas.
  - Provide Public Forums to educate community/businesses. The forums will focus on:
    - Benchmark variables and contributing factors
    - Link to other Visioneering initiatives
    - Meet on a quarterly basis
    - Focus on Public Policy
    - Promote existing service providers