



Visioneering Health Alliance Meeting September 12, 2008 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Kathy Sexton, Ron Whiting, Jack Brown, Dave Sanford, Hoyt Hillman, Deborah Donaldson, Colleen Parker, Steve Gillies, Sonja Armbruster, Debra Miller Stevens, John Stevens, Anne Nelson, Diane Tinker, Hilary Meister, Denny Bender, Bev White

Meeting Purposes:

Goal - Discuss issues the alliance wants to present to the Unified Legislative Agenda

Ultimate Goal – narrow down to 1 topic and have someone agree to complete process to take it to the ULA

ULA Background:

Previous items the alliance has had on the ULA are (1) Nursing education funding and (2) Physician education funding. Both of these were specific asks for dollars. The alliance agreed to continue to support both of these items.

Summary of Legislative Panel Discussion:

The purpose of the legislative panel discussion on Aug 13 was to get ideas on the table. To find what we can agree upon. There were widely disparate views. The alliance can be helpful in educating the legislature on issues by letting them know what happens at a community level and giving them accurate data so when they make health policy decisions they have a good knowledge base. It is important to share information with the legislature.

ULA Topic Discussion:

- Cost Containment – don't put more \$ into broken system
- Medical Homes for kids → Healthwave
- Records management
- Dental Care – pregnant women – needs \$
- Dental – all Medicaid
- Community Health Records
 - Medical records – electronic
- MSSC committee – Cerner project – Medicaid
 - Need state incentive to providers to fund
 - Anne – clinic patient index
- Smoking – state won't take lead on
 - Policy
 - Improve health
 - No state \$ needed – is a cost to business
 - Increase cigarette tax

- Diabetes/Alcohol
- Master Settlement \$ to Tobacco Education/Intervention
- KHPA Education efforts
 - Reform Advisory Boards
 - Community Tours
- Uninsured
 - Safety net funding/education
 - Connect to how to fund
 - \$2.5m last year
- Transportation Plan
 - Include “wellness” infrastructure
 - “Complete Streets”
 - Health & Wellness Coalition
 - Workforce/youth retention
 - Wichita Park Board supports trails
 - Built Environment conference coming up
 - State policy should encourage people to change behaviors
- Education
 - Set example (state employees insurance policy re: smoking)
 - Literature published by State Insurance Department
- Walk-in Clinics (Walgreen’s)

Narrowing Down the Discussion:

The alliance agreed to support wellness and individual health management outlined below.

Wellness/Individual Health Management

1. Information/Education
 - a. People interested now
 - b. Whole foods/corn sweetener/nutrition
2. Built Environment/Transportation/Trails/Parks
3. Incentives to (stop smoking, change personal behaviors)
 - a. Education
 - i. KHPA’s 21 points: Which ones focus on personal responsibility?
 - b. Barriers? Incentives?
 - i. Decrease Healthwave barriers (process)
 - c. State costs to provide Health Care
 - i. Require action to get \$
 - ii. Responsibility
4. Physician Medicaid reimbursement for education & decrease other requirements

The full alliance (including those not in attendance) will be asked to provide input on the finalized list below. Jack Brown volunteered to complete the paperwork necessary to submit the proposal to the ULA.

Individual Health Management

1. Incentives to change behaviors
 - a. State employee insurance plan
 - b. Workers compensation
 - c. Need more examples...
2. Built Environment
 - a. Bikepaths; pedestrian-friendly streets
 - b. Need examples...
3. Education & Responsibility
 - a. Patient/Physician communication
 - b. Need examples...
4. Medicaid reimbursement to providers
 - a. Need examples...