

Meeting Agenda & Notes

Team/Title: Health care Leadership Team Meeting Notes

Date & Time: July 14, 2006

Those in Attendance: Colleen Parker, Kathy Sexton, Denny Bender, Patti Moser, Jessica Tarbell, Mary Fusco, Ron Whiting, Jack Brown, Claudia Blackburn, Susan Bumsted, Doren Fredrickson, Paulette Goines, Scott Wituk, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

Review of Health care Alliance – The leadership team reviewed several of the accomplishments of the previous year, including (1) the development of quarterly Health Care Forums (most recently about safety net providers with 40 participants), (2) creation of several benchmark subcommittees regarding quality, accessibility, and cost, (3) identification of four priority action areas, and (4) a successful legislative item presented to the legislative alliance: State support for 25% expansion in the capacity of nursing programs in existing post secondary public education institutions in South Central Kansas. The group also discussed the recent draft report of the Sedgwick County Health care Roundtable regarding their future efforts.

Development of Health care Alliance Guiding Principles – The leadership team drafted several guiding principles for the health care alliance. Kathy, Suzie and Jack agreed to develop a working draft of the guiding principles, as well as the Alliance's mission and vision statements based on previous discussions of the alliance.

Draft Guiding Principles

- Focus on return on investment
- Healthy workforce is a key factor in job growth and development
- If people get the appropriate information and understand the consequences of their lifestyle, they will change their behaviors to make more positive lifestyle choices
- The interconnection between business and health care are connected and will be considered
- Action taken to meet the indigent population will increase the quality and access of the community
- Support concept of people having a medical home
- Consider health disparities in each of the focus areas (described below)
- Promote regional partnerships to achieve the mission
- Health care and business community share common concerns surrounding access, quality, and costs
- Promote effective and efficient practices
- Health is more than health care
- Evaluate our efforts as an alliance

Health Focus Areas – The leadership team identified nine health areas that could be focus areas for future efforts of the Health care Alliance. These focus areas include:

- Asthma
- Unintentional and Intentional Violence
- Oral Health
- Drug/Alcohol
- Physical Activity
- Nutrition
- Tobacco Use
- Palliative Care
- Mental Health

The leadership team discussed the idea of presenting these health care areas to the larger alliance, followed by a survey that would include questions related to quality, access, cost, opportunities, priority issues, needs, and ways in which Visioneering can support local efforts.

Strategies and Initial Action Steps – The leadership team drafted several strategies for the health care alliance, as well as identified initial action steps that the leadership team members will take for each. These strategies and initial action steps are described below.

Strategy 1. The Health care Alliance will support/engage/assist those working in the nine health focus areas, especially as their efforts relate to costs, access, and quality.

Initial Action Steps:

- The Sedgwick County Health Department will collect initial measures for each of the nine health areas and share with Health care Alliance Subcommittees (See Strategy 3).
- The United Way will begin to identify names of groups/organizations that are vested in these nine areas
- At a future Health care Alliance Meeting these nine health areas will be presented, followed by a survey that include questions related to quality, access, cost, opportunities, priority issues, needs, and ways in which Visioneering can support local efforts.

- Based on the surveys and measures, determine who wants to come together to address the health areas

Strategy 2. The Health Care Alliance will identify and apply for funding that can help build the capacity of health in the community.

- Several opportunities and examples of other communities exist, including the RWJ Foundation funding opportunities, St. Louis Regional Health Commission (Funded through combination of business, health system, city/county gov partnerships), and community of Omaha.

Initial Action Steps:

- Ron & Patti will identify and share with the leadership team other community examples. They will contact other communities regarding how their work developed, pitfalls, strengths, activities, how were they funded, what have been their outcome measurements, what learned, and their website.

Strategy 3. The Health Care Alliance will measure/track progress on the nine health areas to determine the extent to which progress is being made on each.

Initial Action Steps:

- The Sedgwick County Health Department will collect measures and call the Alliance sub-committees together to review them (Note: Measures should be simple, readily available, able to access for multiple years, for the entire MSA, etc. Note: See Orange County book for possible example)
- The Sedgwick County Health Department will look for opportunities to partner with local universities and colleges to continue collecting data on a regular/annual basis.
- Susan (and others?) will contact Janet Harrah about the development of a health care forecast, its relation to economic issues (i.e., get her opinions about how to go about doing this).

Strategy 4. The Health Care Alliance will engage partners who are in a position to address health and health care concerns for the Wichita MSA. The Alliance will facilitate discussions on what & what does not work for businesses, highlighting the needs of businesses (i.e., community needs a healthy workforce).

Initial Action Steps:

- Suzie, Kathy, and Ron will draft a white paper about the Health Care Alliance (Vision, Mission, Strategies, and Guiding Principles) that will serve as a Foundation document to present to organizations, groups in the community (Business leaders, Rotary, Wichita Leadership). Once drafted they will ask Vera and Tami to finalize.
- Kathy will send a “Thank you” to the Sedgwick County Health care Roundtable. Prior to her e-mail she will ask the leadership team about “What do you think & how should we respond/good/bad – what do we do next”. Kathy also offered to meet w/ them again for follow-up discussions.
- Kathy will send a list of who sits on the Sedgwick County Health care Roundtable to the leadership team.

Strategy 5. The Health Care Alliance will engage those working on health and health care policies/advocacy to support efforts that improve costs, access, and quality.

Initial Action Steps: The leadership team concluded that at present there are no specific action steps, but will activate action steps as needed based on the maintenance of last year’s item (nursing) and the legislative alliance.

Strategy 6. The Health Care Alliance will utilize social marketing techniques to help address and support the nine health areas.

Initial Action Steps: The leadership team did not identify any specific action steps for this strategy at this time.

Agreements from Today’s Meeting

Who	What	By When
Suzie, Kathy, Jack	Draft guiding principles, strategies, vision, and mission statement for the health care alliance so that will serve as a Foundation document to present to organizations, groups in the community (Business leaders, Rotary, Wichita Leadership). Once drafted they will ask Vera and Tami to finalize.	Progress update at Aug. 11 th Leadership Team Meeting
Sedg. Cty Health Department	Collect initial data related to the nine health areas and share with the Health Care Alliance Subcommittees for greater refinement.	“ ”
Susan	Contact Janet Harrah for her input regarding the development of a health care forecast and relation to economic indicators.	“ ”
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Ron & Patti	Identify and share with the leadership team other community examples. They will contact other communities regarding how their work developed, pitfalls, strengths, activities, how were they funded, what have been their outcome measurements, what learned, and their website.	“ “
Colette	Identify names of groups/organizations that are vested in the nine health areas.	“ “
Suzie	Update team regarding health care issues based on Richmond, VA visit.	After Sept 17 th

Next Health Care Alliance Related Meetings Date & Time:

Health Care Leadership Meeting – August 11 at 11am (at Chamber)

Health Care Alliance Meeting – August 31 at 3 pm