



Attendance: Charlie Claycomb, Sonja Armbruster, Ron Whiting, Kathy Sexton, Hoyt Hillman, Anne Nelson, Doren Fredrickson, Susan Bumsted, Chad Roseberger, Denny Bender, Mildred Edwards, Rod Harris

Update on 9 Health Focus Areas

Sonja Armbruster provided a 2007 Annual Report on the 9 focus areas. It is posted on the Visioneering website at the following link:

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/hc/Focus%20Area%202007%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Palliative Care

- One of the original nine focus areas selected
- Problem picking 1 measurement for a benchmark
- Other focus areas have a narrow measurement & groups already working on the issue
- Kansas Health Ethics – Carolyn Harrison or Louis Medvene – might help set benchmark
- This focus group may be dropped for the time being & picked up later

Alcohol Focus Group

- Peri-natal event
- Underage drinking town hall meeting
- After prom events

Oral Health

- Give a Kid a Smile Day is March 1st
- Bring awareness to the medically underserved
- Serve birth – 10 years with no insurance – cleanings to fillings
- 20 dentists participating
- Anticipate serving 400 children

Tobacco

- Small vocal minority
- Survey conducted indicated 73% polled want a smoking ban
- Working to bring business groups on board
- Contact your city council representative

Update on Sedgwick County's Access Project

Rod Harris gave an update on the Sedgwick County's Health Access Project. Following is his summary.

- The three working groups (Coverage, Navigation and Coordination) have met monthly since Sept. 2007.
 - Reviewed the goals, strategies, and completed tasks for each of the working group to-date.

- Joint meeting held on 1/10/08, which involved all three working groups and Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA).
 - Media, legislators, and community leaders present
 - Dr. Barbara Langner provided report on the KHPA Health Reform Recommendations
 - Each working group shared updates on their activities to-date.
 - Provided opportunity for working groups to find ways to collaborate, as well as hear how efforts of the Health Access Project coincide with KHPA's recommendations.

Update on VW Business Coalition on Health

- Meetings with individual businesses continue
- Forming founders group
- Met with Matt Jordan, Kansas Leadership Center
 - Interest in coalition's mission
 - Not a grant organization
- February starts a 90-day start-up period
- Still need funding
- Deliverable
 - It's about community leadership
 - Local issues being solved by collaboration
 - Working out issues together
- Does not overlap the Business Roundtable
- Let Kathy know of any businesses or board that should have a presentation

Alliance Meetings

Next Alliance meeting date has not been set. Agenda will include: tobacco topic, updates on legislative issues, possibly a panel discussion.

June meeting – week of the uninsured – follow-up on legislative issues.

Leadership Team Meetings

March 14, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce board room.