



Attendance: Diane Tinker, Ron Whiting, Hoyt Hillman, Claudia Blackburn, Sonja Armbruster, Pamela White, Jack Brown, Kathy Sexton, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care Update

The employers group is meeting today to come together around specific issues to work on. Employers need to design employee benefits that encourage employees to take responsibility for their own health.

This coalition has been about building relationships so they can have the difficult conversations. There is a lot of work to do. Coalition's annual meeting is coming up soon. Visit www.wbchc.com for additional information.

Update on 10 Health Focus Areas

Sonja Armbruster reported on the activity of the Health Alliance focus areas. Her report can be found at the following link:

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/hc/Focus%20Areas%202009%20first%20report.pdf>

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships

This is a community-driven strategic planning tool for improving community health. The vision is very similar to that of Visioneering's Health Alliance. A series of 4 assessment sessions and 2 strategy meetings are planned with the goal of identifying themes. Suzie and Sonja will work on facilitation planning for the meetings. The final outcome is a community health plan.

Results of the Community Themes & Strengths Assessment

Most important health concern in the community is mental health with concerns around domestic violence and child abuse. Keep in mind the survey was taken in Sept 2008 before problems with the economy began and when there had been several recent child fatalities.

Environment Focus Groups

Jack reported they have held focus groups with 1,000+ citizens representing 40+ organizations. The data is being compiled to determine top 10 issues. He is currently preparing issue papers. An environmental leadership council will be formed with 20 – 25 members. By June plan to have the council established. The council will prioritize the issues and determine how to take forward. Funding for the next round looks good. Suzie and Jack are going to work on themes for possible new strategies for the Visioneering document.

Visioneering Update

Suzie provided an update of the 3R initiative.

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/newsletter/Review,%20Revise%20and%20Refocus%20Findings.pdf>

The Recreation Alliance received a grant from the Sunflower Foundation for development of a website, GoPlayKansas.com. This website will catalog all the assets we have in Sedgwick County with plans to include additional counties in the future. They will launch a beta site in June.

Channel 7 plans to feature a 30 minute interview-type program on each alliance. They will feature 1 alliance a month starting with the Birth-K Alliance. These programs will run multiple times and be available for our use.

Transitions Alliance Leadership

Kathy stepped down as alliance co-chair. Sonja will assume her position. Jack plans to continue as co-chair.

Leadership Team Meeting Schedule

July 10, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Wichita Chamber, 350 W Douglas

September 11, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Wichita Chamber, 350 W Douglas

November 13, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Wichita Chamber, 350 W Douglas