



Attendance: Diane Tinker, Hoyt Hillman, Sonja Armbruster, Mim Wilkey, Ron Whiting, Esther Majami, Kathy Sexton, Jon Rosell, Claudia Blackburn

Update on Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care

Ron Whiting updated the group on the Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care (WBCHC). A committee has been formed to work on new by-laws; infrastructure work is continuing; they are expanding the board and there will be a member meeting in August. Their 1st event is Sept 15th around common language.

Next Alliance Meeting - Legislative Panel

The next alliance meeting will be Aug 13th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at KUSM-W. It will be a legislative panel. Sen. Susan Wagle & Rep. Brenda Landwehr have agreed to participate. There was discussion about whom else to invite. Kathy would like to have 2 senators and 4 representatives. The purpose of the meeting is to hear what the legislature has accomplished in the past year and what their priorities in the area of health care are for the future. There will be written questions. The goal is to gather information that will help the alliance develop their legislative agenda. Alliance members are encouraged to submit questions for the panel.

Leaders Project on the State of America Health Care

This project is focusing on financing the system. Everyone is encouraged to visit the website www.bipartisanpolicy.org for information on this initiative. Kathy has emailed about hosting a meeting in Wichita but has had no response to date.

Update on 9 Health Focus Areas

Sonja Armbruster provided an update on several of the 9 focus areas. Full report is at the link below:

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/hc/Focus%20Areas%202008%202nd%20Qtr%20Report.pdf>

- Alcohol – has been a planning quarter for them.
- Asthma – open airways grant was funded and now in the planning stages.
- Oral Health – taking a break for the summer.
- Physical Activity – much going on – check out the minutes for the Health Care Coalition.
- Tobacco – clean air passed in Wichita – now working on Derby – coalition accepting nominations for a new chair.
- Health Access – has been added as a focus area.

Unified Legislative Agenda

Suzie shared that the Visioneering Unified Legislative Agenda is starting up again. Question for the group: can we get some health things (i.e. bike paths) in the

comprehensive highway plan? It was suggested this be brought up at the legislative forum as a way to plant the seed.

Upcoming Events

- Aug 26 – Working Well Conference
- Sept 14 – WBCHC forum
- Oct 1 – Health Care Roundtable
- Oct 6 & 7 - Kansas Health Summit

Future Alliance Topic

Sonja suggested a Health System Assessment for a future alliance meeting. It would be an event taking up the better part of a day. There is a standardized tool to use. There would be a survey on public perception of the health system. In the future there may be health department accreditation. Suggested groups to invite are: Health Alliance, Health Access Group, Health Department and Health & Wellness Coalition. She also presented a Quality of Life Survey to obtain the general public's perception of community life and the public health system. It would show priorities of the community and how healthy the community is. This would create a baseline that would be useful in the Health System Assessment.

Next Leadership Team Meeting

Sept 12, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce, 350 W Douglas.