



**Attendance:** Claudia Blackburn, Diane Tinker, Hilary Meister, Kim Walker, Hoyt Hillman, Jack Brown, Pamala White, Jason Verbeckmoes, Tami Bradley, Jon Rosell, Anne Nelson, Ron Whiting, Denny Bender, Kathy Sexton, Roderick Harris, Sonja Armbruster, Suzie Ahlstrand

### Five-Minute History Lesson

Sonja Armbruster provided a brief review of the Health Alliance.

### Unified Legislative Agenda Update

There are eight items on the 2010 Unified Legislative Agenda. Many of the items have a connection to health. A complete list can be found at:

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/ula/2010%20ULA%20Legislative%20Agenda%20poster.pdf>

### Focus Area Updates

#### *Health & Wellness Coalition*

- 2009 Healthy Youth Award Winners
- Complete Streets Workshop in February
  - Douglas Design District meeting – an effort that came out of the workshop
- 5<sup>th</sup> Working Well Conference was held
  - 2010 conference will be Aug 24

#### *Lung Health Coalition*

- Open airways programs continue in schools
- Targeted asthma education is working
- Plan to continue Living with Asthma program
- Continue working on tobacco issues
- March 13 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> charity event at the INTRUST Arena, a competitive stair climb

#### *Access*

- Working to eliminate unnecessary ER visits and increase access to affordable medical homes
- Current focus
  - Community health coverage plan
  - Research ER usage in our community – looking for trends
  - Feasibility of shared health information

#### *Stand Together Coalition*

- In the 5<sup>th</sup> & final year of a Federal Drug Free Community Grant
- Red Ribbon Week at local schools
- Focusing on students getting ready for middle school –the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level

#### *Tobacco Free Wichita*

- July 1<sup>st</sup> annual Fresh Air Festival
- October participated in Wolfstock highlighting how smoke affects dogs

- November Great American Smoke-out
- Redesigning website to switch emphasis from smoke-free dining to smoke-free housing

#### *Oral Health Coalition*

- Partnered with Oral Health Kansas
- Give Kids a Smile will be March 6
- Have developed a strategic workgroup to update their plan
- A fluoride task force was formed for the purpose of education

#### *Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care*

- Goal is to raise awareness between employers and physicians of each others issues
- Helping employers understand how to design benefits to develop a better care plan for employees

#### *HRSA*

- Wichita has been recognized at the federal level as a high performing community

#### *EPA*

- Have held 15 focus groups around the question “What are the pressing environmental issues”
- Have formed an environmental leadership council
  - Issue papers are being developed
  - Will take these back out to the community to rank/prioritize
  - Using health risk as criteria

<b>Forum Series Update</b>
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There will be 5 forums to raise awareness and understanding about health/health care in the community, determine priorities and identify strategy and action steps that will help achieve the goal of improving the community’s quality of life. These will be monthly breakfast meetings with the location to be determined. Invitation will go out after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

*Forum 1:* January 29, 7:30 a.m., Community Health Status Assessment

- Share what we know

*Forum 2:* February 26, 7:30 a.m., Community Themes and Strengths

- What is important

*Forum 3:* March 26, 7:30 a.m., Forces of Change Assessment

- What is occurring right now

*Forum 4:* April 23, 7:30 a.m., Strategic Issues, Goals and Strategies

- Findings

*Forum 5:* May 28 (or May 21), 7:30 a.m. Action Steps

- Themes – how to accomplish

Homework for this group:

- Names/contact information of those who should attend
  - This could be a different list for each forum

#### **Leadership Team Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting date will be set after 1<sup>st</sup> forum.