

VW Health Alliance Leadership Team  
Notes  
09/27/2007

Attendance: Sonja Armbruster, Colleen Parker, Susan Bumsted, Jon Rosell, Hoyt Hillman, Rod Harris, Anne Nelson, Kathy Sexton, Jack Brown, Doren Frederickson, Ron Whiting

**1. Introductions**

- Rod Harris, Sedgwick County, has joined the leadership team.
- Champions from the 9 focus areas have been invited to join the leadership team.

**2. Review agreements from past meetings & Summary of table discussions from Sept 30 – Kathy Sexton**

- Attendance at the Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Alliance meeting was very good. About 20 businesses were present and were very positive about the presentation. (See the Summary Table Discussion notes posted on the website.) There were several businesses that could not attend the alliance meeting but have expressed their support.
- Kathy, Jon & Ron have met to discuss budget, member dues structure and draft II of the by-laws. They are meeting again on Thursday and have invited Jack to join them.
- Kathy mentioned that we don't want to lose the momentum. They are going to contact the businesses that attended the alliance meeting and get them on board for the coalition. Then send out letters to additional businesses.

**3. Updates on 9 Health Focus Areas – Sonja Armbruster**

- Sonja handed out updated information on the 9 focus areas which will be posted on the Visioneering website. For future meetings she will prepare a summary cover sheet.
- Of the 9 focus areas, 3 – 4 are going well. They are the areas that already had coalitions started.
- Oral Health – Give Kids a Smile Day – March 1
- Health & Wellness Coalition – they are champions for physical activity & nutrition. They have applied for a new grant to develop leadership around physical activity.
- Tobacco & Wellness Coalition – a survey will go out in October to City of Wichita registered voters with results back in November. The survey will seek to determine the level of support among voters for a comprehensive clean indoor air ordinance prohibiting smoking in all indoor workplaces.
- Mental Health – will focus on workforce issues.

- Palliative Care – name changed to Chronic Illness Prevention (CIP)

#### **4. Ideas for Legislative Priorities – Susan Bumsted**

- Susan attended the Unified Legislative Agenda Alliance meeting on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.
- She handed out a report from the Kansas Health Policy Authority on Advisory Council Recommendations. She suggested watching for bills that came out of KHPA (and other groups) and being supportive where possible. There are several issues (i.e. clean air) on the local level that the alliance can support. The alliance needs to be sure they are in step with Commissioner Norton's initiative.
- Jon Rosell gave a report on a legislative initiative from Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education & Medical Education Research Task Force. Via Christi, Wesley Medical Center, KU School of Medicine – Wichita and the Medical Society of Sedgwick County have joined forces to ask the legislature for new dollars for the graduate medical doctor program. They want to stabilize & increase capacity to train physicians. About 60% of Kansas doctors are trained at the Wichita campus. This is not just a Wichita issue – it is a state-wide issue. The goal is to get this added to the governor's budget.
- It was decided this would be a good regional issue for the Unified Legislative Agenda Alliance. The Health Care Alliance will support this and not present another issue of their own.

#### **5. Report from Sedgwick County's Access project – Rod Harris**

- Three work groups have been formed. Two have already met.
  1. Coverage – two sub-committees have formed. One will target population and the other capacity assessment.
  2. Navigation – focus will be one-stop information source and education (what are the available resources, where are they, medical literacy).
  3. Coordination – this group has not yet met.

#### **6. Calendar**

- Next Leadership Team meeting: Friday, October 26, 10:30 – 11:30, Wichita Metro Chamber
- Next Alliance meeting (Oral Health): Friday, October 19, 11:30 – 1:00 at Larkspur...legislators, dentists, city county & county commissioners invited.

