

Literate Community Alliance
Thursday, May 15, 2008
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Community Center for Support and Research

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Call To Order | Tim Norton |
| | A. Purposes of Today's Meeting | Suzie Ahlstrand |
| | Wichita MSA Literacy Model | |
| | Community Literacy Coordinator | |
| | B. Adopt 04/02/08 Minutes | |
| | C. Introductions | |
| | D. Visioneering RDOH Survey Results | |
| II. | Wichita MSA Literacy Model | All |
| III. | Job Description | All |
| IV. | Literacy Alliance Benchmark | All |
| | "To create a collaborative structure that serves 16,000 of 40,000 citizens needing basic adult education within the Wichita MSA." | |
| V. | Reminders | |
| | A. Leadership Team | |
| | Next?? | |
| | B. Alliance Meeting | |
| | Next?? | |
| | C. Thank You for Coming | Tim Norton |

Visioneering Visions/Strategies for Literate Community

Economic Development VISION:

Before 2024, the Wichita MSA will: Be a leading community for retaining and expanding current businesses and creating and recruiting new businesses.

Workforce Development

1. **Retain our existing and future workforce and recruit new workers from outside the Wichita MSA. A larger skilled, educated and creative workforce is imperative.**

Education VISION:

Before 2024 the Wichita MSA will: Have a globally competitive educational system that encourages and supports life-long learning and contributes to the social, cultural and economic vitality of our diverse community.

A. Skills Training and Life-long Education

Provide a world-class system and facility for adult basic education, technical education programs and customized training.

- **Adult basic education will provide the soft skills and literacy necessary for potential employees to be competitive.**

C. K-12

1. **Expect all students to graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills (including basic life skills and critical thinking skills) to either immediately enter the workforce or attend certified training, technical college/community college or university**

D. Birth-K

Expect all children to enter kindergarten ready to learn at the kindergarten level by:

- Identifying reading deficiencies early and help birth-K parents and teachers with programs that result in each child being ready for kindergarten.**

Quality of Life VISION:

Before 2024 the Wichita MSA will: Be a healthy, safe community that has a vibrant recreation, entertainment and arts focus that embraces diversity and builds pride.

G. Racial Diversity, Opportunity and Harmony

1. **Understand, celebrate and embrace all cultures and racial diversity and make it evident in everything we do. Encourage interaction among all people and break down barriers.**

Reduce the earnings gap between minorities and non-minorities.

Increase graduation rates.

Close achievement gap.

Leadership VISION:

Before 2024 the Wichita MSA will: Be a community where citizens actively participate in public/private leadership that makes the Wichita MSA competitive regionally, nationally and globally.

