



## Visioneering Wichita Literate Community Leadership Team Meeting ~ September 7, 2007

**Attendees:** Chad VonAhnen, Raye Street, Tim Norton, Cathie Hay, Margaret Harris, Linda Sorrell, Mohan Kambampati, Kendall Heier

### **Debrief Alliance**

- Champion Adult Learning
- Don't forget media can be helpful
- Define our focus
- We need to all read Sedgwick County white paper
  - (Chad e-send to Diane)

### **How to re-frame this issue**

- Adult Basic Education System – get on 1 piece of paper (sub-committee for next meeting)
- Not about producing lots of new advance degrees
  - Functional learning and skills needed
- Build “smart communities”
  - Full participation in community (literacy needed)
  - Increase civic engagement
  - People we serve are not who we need to convince
- Reframe @ our next alliance
  - Think about the next ripple of stakeholders
  - Long term view/vision
  - Sustainability
  - Build upon our strengths
  - Highlight our collective/collaborative strengths
- Target key stakeholders at right time
  - Change employee view
  - K-12
  - Identify their needs/gaps
  - Do not focus on \$
  - They care differently than us
  - Funders
  - Consumers
  - Work force customers
  - Next circle of providers
  - Broaden to larger MSA
  - They will need 1 stop – no wrong door
  - They want end product not the process

- They need work ready people
- Need community level outcomes
  - Set alliance benchmark
  - Look the “best practice” for help with benchmarks
  - Literate Community Programs warrant review
- Agree upon definition and scope of our work (next Alliance meeting)

### **Describe Today’s System**

- Sub-committee of providers to do first draft our system
  - Different provider types in adult basic education

### **Tim’s 8 Things to Keep in Mind**

1. ESOL (special look @ USD 259 & USD others)
2. GED preparation & testing (WATC)
  - MSA wide
3. Adult Basic Education
  - Definition
  - Who does it
  - Beyond identified programs (e.g., churches, mentoring programs)
  - High School completion
4. Remedial delivery
  - Skills specific often (how same or different than ABE)
5. Literate Community (Community – Government partnership)
  - lots of ways to volunteer
  - Challenge to community to step up
6. Partnerships at many levels
  - (Not invest new when not needed)
7. Transitions to next level/place
  - Pathways to literacy
8. Funding

### **Next Meeting Dates:**

#### Alliance:

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Self-Help Network

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Self-Help Network

#### Leadership:

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Self-Help Network

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Self-Help Network