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**Visioneering Wichita K/12 Mentoring
Leadership Team Notes
January 14, 2008**

Attendees: Donovan Karber, David Sherman, Lorrie Hendrickson, Val Wall, Felecia Norris, Terry Behrendt, Libby Smith, Mark Eby, Lottie Miller, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

Purpose of the Meeting: Continue planning for the Kansas State Mentoring Conference in June 2008. Conference call with Amy Link, State of Kansas.

Next Meeting:

Will invite Amy Link to come to Wichita to join us during our agenda planning meeting. Have copies of the detailed budget for the conference.

Conference Ideas:

- New information – study - present results
- Something new – Visioneering Wichita – Mentoring Alliance
- Id strengths of each organization
- Schools with examples of how to cross mentor within schools
- BBBS – reduce the amount of closures – better matches
- How do you measure your success
- Appreciative inquiries – Dr Ray Calabrez – leadership development
- Special needs – Kid to Kid program
- Information on how to help small districts
- Business community – what mentoring does for the child and mentor

Cornelia faxed a copy of the draft agenda and dates for the regional conferences. Their topics are very similar to the ones we are thinking about. We will need to have our marketing materials ready for distribution at their 1st conference. Right now it is scheduled to be Feb 21.

Conference call with Cornelia:

The State Mentoring subcommittee feels we need to have presenters from outside of Wichita. We need to make a request for presenters. We need to be sure we meet the needs of the rural communities. The state subcommittee will make the final decision on topics and presenters. Cornelia feels those on the subcommittee will listen to our ideas but they want to make the final decision.

Conference call with Amy Link, State of Kansas:

- Amy will be our contact with the subcommittee.
- They want more specific topics.

- We are to send a request for presenters to Amy who will forward to the State Mentoring database.
- Target audience
 - Mentoring programs
 - School district personnel
 - Established programs as well as start-ups
- Sessions
 - Highlight unique programs across the state
 - Fundamentals – fundraising, grant writing
 - Recruitment success
- They want to see speaker list

Conference Ideas (after conversation with Amy):

- Kids perspective – panel of kids who have mentors
- Business who have adopted a school
- Older students mentoring younger students (this might work for rural communities)