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**Visioneering Wichita K/12 Mentoring  
State Mentoring Conference Committee  
February 15, 2008**

**Attendees:** Terry Behrendt, David Sherman, Lottie Miller, Angela Kessler, Amy Link, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

**Keynote Speaker Update**

Terry has been contacting individuals to be the keynote speaker. He has heard back from 4 who are available. Amy will forward this information to the training committee for feedback. Our goal is to have a keynote chosen in the next week or two.

- Michael Karcher
  - Premier researcher in the area of mentors
  - \$2,000 plus expenses
  - Willing to do multiple presentations
- Danny Holland
  - Specializes in working with kids
  - Parents & Teens University, Inc.
  - More of a motivational – rah rah – type of speaker
  - \$2,750 plus expenses – however is willing to work with our budget
- Jim Caccamo
  - Recommended as having done mentoring conferences
  - Deals more with the big issues of mentoring
  - \$1,000 plus expenses
- Rick Smith
  - Has done similar types of conferences
  - Currently don't know his fee

**Presenter Update**

We have received 2 proposals to present at the state conference. They are Judith Wenzel with USD 259 and Leila Gallagher with YouthFriends Kansas. Amy mentioned Coach Snyder would like to have the El Dorado program presented. He has verified that someone would be available on that day to present. Amy will send contact information to Diane. Terry mentioned a partnership between a Methodist Church and Park Elementary. Through their partnership they have brought Park up to a school of excellence. Amy felt this would be a good fit for the conference. They will be contacted about presenting at the conference. Diane will email the request for proposal form to this leadership team to begin recruiting locally to fill the presentation slots. We want to have presentations for the novice mentoring organizations as well as the seasoned organizations. Amy will send out a reminder to her email list requesting presenters for the conference.

**Marketing/Promotion**

The 1<sup>st</sup> regional meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at Dodge City. We will have a “Save the Date” flyer to distribute at this meeting. Hopefully we'll have a keynote

speaker to announce at that time. Information on credit hours will be included. As more information becomes available the flyer will be updated for other regional meetings. Amy will send the flyer out to her email list and KSDE.

**Next Steps**

Next meeting **February 29th, noon at the Chamber** (Suzie will provide pizza), Amy will join via conference call.