



**Visioneering Wichita
Mentoring Alliance Meeting
April 13, 2006
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Angela Kessler, Nancy Corkins, Annette Singletary, Bill Hanna, Jeff Wenzel, Cornelia Stevens, Ann Koch, Jan Davis, Kristy Youngers, Joy Martin, Debi Corrigan, Leila Gallagher, Terry Behrendt, Jeff Usher, Vanessa Lohf, Christi Rudiger, Glenda Kruse, Kendall Heier, Marsha Beard

Leadership Team: Terry Behrendt, Norma Bricker, Debi Corrigan, Jan Davis, Bill Hanna, Annette Singletary, Cornelia Stevens, Jeff Usher, Jeff Wenzel

Purposes of the Mentoring Alliance Meeting

- Recap Progress for 2005
- Update about Annual Visioneering Wichita Meeting
- What's going on in Maize?
- Mentoring Partnership Updates (schools, businesses, churches, neighborhoods)
- Invite participation on the Data Collection Subcommittee
- Develop next steps

Recap progress for 2005

- Developed an agreed upon definition of mentoring: "To facilitate the development of healthy, successful children through the establishment of one-to-one relationships with caring individuals."
- Established guiding principles for working together
- Implemented a marketing/branding plan developed by Bothner & Bradley, including a PSA to air during National Mentoring Month
- Developed a process/system for tracking data
- Collected information from mentoring organizations to set a baseline to measure the benchmark
- Developed an online resource for people to access more information about mentoring and how to become a mentor
- Identified strategic action areas to pursue in 2006 – Partnerships, Collaborations, and Public Awareness

Update about Annual Visioneering Wichita Meeting

Suzie Ahlstrand presented the Visioneering Wichita Plan Update (see 2005 Executive Summary under Recent Developments for News on the website, www.visioneeringwichita.com). Additional information will be provided by the Racial Diversity, Opportunity, and Harmony Strategic Alliance at the next Mentoring Strategic Alliance meeting (May 11, 2006).

What's going on in Maize?

Marsha Beard shared information about mentoring opportunities in Maize. Maize participates with businesses in career mentoring and Internet mentoring as well as partnering with individual mentors in the schools. Maize also participates in an interactive teaching program made possible via a webcam. Maize has had difficulty tracking all of the different mentors and mentoring opportunities. The Mentoring Strategic Alliance offered assistance.

Mentoring Partnership Updates (schools, businesses, churches, neighborhoods)

A one-page summary of each workgroup was reviewed (see website, www.visioneeringwichita.com, under Strategic Alliance, Mentoring, Recent Developments, and Alliance Handouts for 03/09/2006. If the handouts are not displayed on the screen click view archives). Each person was also given a distribution list of all the participants in the Visioneering Wichita Mentoring Strategic Alliance.

Each champion is responsible, with the help of SHN, for convening the workgroup members to start working on the developed strategies. The workgroups will meet individually for the months for June and July to begin implementation of the strategies. The following is a list of the champions and additional members who signed up to begin to work within each of the workgroups.

Schools

Champions: Terry Behrendt, Leila Gallagher, Andy Solter

Additional Workgroup Members: Angela Kessler, Nancy Corkins, Ann Koch, Jan Davis, Glenda Kruse

The school workgroup asked the following question: Is the opportunity to use VIA for free still available? Leila Gallagher looked into this and provided the following answer: No, that opportunity has passed. VIA is available for a fee; however, any school district partnering with YouthFriends has access to VIA at no cost.

Businesses

Champions: Bill Hanna, Norma Bricker, Christi Rudiger, Andy Solter (career development mentoring), Cornelia Stevens, Angela Kessler, a Chamber Representative

Additional Workgroup Members: Annette Singletary

Churches

Champions: Bill Hanna, Cornelia Stevens, Jeff Wenzel, Debi Corrigan, Aziza Hasan, Chris Wolgmott

Additional Workgroup Members: Angela Kessler

Neighborhoods

Champions: Kristy Youngers, Kendall Heier, LaVonta Williams

Additional Workgroup Members: Joy Martin, Leila Gallagher

Invite participation on the Data Collection Subcommittee

Terry Behrendt made a presentation inviting organizations to participate in the Data Collection Subcommittee to help start refining the data collected as it relates to the benchmark. Those who want to participate, please contact Terry Behrendt.

Next Steps

Below is the timeline for the Mentoring Strategic Alliance:

- May 4, 2006 – Leadership Team meeting.
- May 11, 2006 – Strategic Alliance meeting. Racial Diversity, Opportunity, and Harmony Strategic Alliance will present findings from the RDOH Survey.
- June-July 2006 – Begin working in small workgroups and start to implement strategies.
- August 3, 2006 – Leadership team meeting.
- August 10, 2006 – Strategic Alliance meeting. Workgroups will report out activities since last Strategic Alliance meeting (May 11, 2006).