



Visionering Wichita  
Mentoring Alliance Meeting  
March 4, 2010  
Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Terry Behrendt, Lyndon Drew, Patty Gnefkow, Teresa Hatfield, Nancy Hughbanks, Donovan Karber, Glenda Kruse, Jimi Nickel, Ell Todd (via phone), Judith Wencel, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

### January Minutes

- The January minutes were approved with corrections and will be posted on the Visionering website. The Compeer report was corrected to read "25 new mentors and matches last quarter."

### Civic Leadership Lab

Donovan, Ella & Patty reported on the Civic Leadership Lab which is an initiative of the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center works to create and deliver specific initiatives that strengthen and expand the state's civic leadership. The session they attended was tailored for mentoring. The purpose was to strengthen the network and effectiveness of mentoring organizations in Kansas. It was an intense, beneficial program which they recommend to everyone. For more information about the initiative visit [www.kansasleadershipcenter.org](http://www.kansasleadershipcenter.org)

### Kansas Mentors Update

Ella reported by April/May she should know more about their funding. Mentor month has just finished up. They were able to get a resolution from the house and senate. The governor is very supportive of mentoring.

### Sustaining Mentoring Organizations

#### *Success in the Middle*

- Brooks & Wilbur have placed volunteers interested in Youth Horizons
- 206 volunteers completed their on-line form
  - Have added an option for Youth Horizons and CIS
- Just trained 700<sup>th</sup> volunteer
- Focusing on finishing the year strong

#### *Compeer*

- Revamping their training
- Focusing on keeping volunteers enthused
- With volunteer recruitment down they have begun showcasing a specific individual to mentor

#### *Big Brother Big Sisters*

- Bowl for Kids Sake is coming up

#### *Catholic Charities Foster Grandparents Program*

- Has presented to all the volunteer coordinators at USD259
- Have invited BBBS to present at one of their employee in-service days
- Next recruitment will be in August

#### *Maize High School*

- Started BBBS program in one of the middle schools
  - 36 students mentoring children
  - hope to expand to other schools
- Volunteer fair in May will include all 3 high schools

### **Visioneering Updates**

Visioneering is launching a new alliance today – Environment Sustainability. Downtown Master Plan process just finished up an all day charrette which was very successful. This summer there will be more opportunities for community input.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Alliance Meeting:**

May 13, 8:00 a.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce.

**Agenda:** Key Benchmark Update.