



## Visionering Wichita Mentoring Alliance Meeting September 10, 2009 Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Terry Behrendt, Felecia Norris, Patty Gnefkow, Mark Eby, Carol Rupe, Gennelly Pacholski, Donovan Karber, Lyndon Drew, Teresa Hatfield, Glenda Kruse, Jimi Nickel

### July Minutes

The July minutes were approved to be posted on the Visionering website.

### Exposure Booth

Terry & Lyndon are going to help Diane with booth set-up on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We have plenty of volunteers for the booth on the 17<sup>th</sup>. In the past volunteers have taken turns "working the crowd" to drive them to the booth.

We will collect business cards for the football drawing. The drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m. Diane will collect business cards and create a database to share with the alliance.

There will be Wichita Mentor brochures and business cards available at the booth. Each mentoring organization can bring their brochures also. Suzie will provide candy. There will be K-State & Nebraska flags, coaches challenge flyers and Drop-In Conference flyers for display along with our Wichita Mentors poster and banner.

### Coaches Challenge

Diane will follow-up with Ella about the PSAs for the Coaches Challenge. Materials for the Coaches Challenge can be found on the Kansas Mentors website:

<http://kansasmentors.kansas.gov/Programs/Pages/CoachesChallenge.aspx>

### DropIN Conference

**Regional Summit** will be September 25<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2:00 p.m. at the Workforce Alliance Center, 150 N Main. Pizza will be provided for lunch. The purpose of the regional summit is to gather information for the state-wide summit. 15 – 20 students who have dropped out have been invited to give input on why they dropped out and what they perceive the problem to be. They would like to have parents, business and government leadership involved.

**State Summit** will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at WSU with a maximum attendance of 350. We need to target specific business and government leaders to attend. Ideas on how get business involved:

- Send out an invitation through the Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter
- SHRM – *Diane will follow-up*
- Inter-Faith Ministries – youth ministers – *Teresa will follow-up*
- Channel 7 – *Felecia will follow-up (ad was run on Sept 20 & 25)*
- School administration & staff – *VW is sending an invitation to area superintendents*
- Target specific people

The alliance membership is encouraged to attend. The registration form is on available on [www.kansasdropins.org](http://www.kansasdropins.org) website.

### **Future Agenda Items for the Alliance**

Historically this alliance has collectively marketed mentoring. Future Agenda ideas:

- 2010 Mentor Conference – *Diane will follow-up with Ella*
- Ways we can partner to save money – what services can we partner on?
  - Understand in detail what each organization does
  - If someone is struggling see who we can help so we don't lose any organization
- How to give more mentorship support to teens and parents
- What are the performance measures of achievement we want for next year?
  - In the past we have talked about developing 4 – 5 questions everyone would ask
  - Develop these questions so doing more than just head count
- Promoting the value of mentoring
  - Benefits to those doing the mentoring as well as those mentored

### **General Updates**

Visioneering

- 60 business leaders are participating in the 2009 City to City trip to Chattanooga. The focus will be downtown revitalization and economic development.
- The Recreation Alliance has launched [www.GoPlayKansas.com](http://www.GoPlayKansas.com). Everyone is encouraged to check it out and give feedback.

Gennelly

- She is developing a program mentoring women that includes their children. Teaching basic life skills.

Glenda

- USD 266 has partnered with BBBS to develop a students mentoring students program. This is an example of alliance members working together. This program was in danger of being cut. Glenda was able to work with BBBS to keep it going. There are 28 students signed-up.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Next alliance meeting will be Nov 5, 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber.**

Agenda: Debrief DropIn Conference