



**Visioneering  
Racial Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony Alliance  
Meeting Notes  
January 21, 2009**

**Mission of RDOH Alliance:**

***“To create a culture that promotes and celebrates racial, diversity, opportunities & harmony within the Wichita MSA.”***

**Attendees:** David Osio, Wanda Hughes, Yolanda Williams, Margarita LaFarelle Hunt, Susan Leiker, Brenda Dietzman

**Guests:** Sally Frey, Sedgwick County Re-Entry

**Meeting Notes** from the November 13, 2008 RDOH Alliance meeting were approved with the addition of Susan Leiker as an attendee.

**The Purpose of the RDOH Alliance meeting:**

- *Visioneering Updates*
- *‘Offender Reentry Program’ Presentation*
- *Discussion of Proposed RDOH/Visioneering E-Newsletter*
- *Discuss next steps*

**Visioneering Updates:**

Review, Revise and Refocus Meeting Timeline was discussed. We would like a representative from this alliance to attend each of the Two Hour Gathering Meetings, especially the Quality of Life meeting on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> since this alliance’s strategies fall under that foundation. Everyone was asked to forward information about the upcoming meetings to their networks.

**Offender Reentry Program:**

Sally Frey presented information on the Sedgwick County Re-entry Program. Kansas is the fore runner in working with prisoners before release and how to integrate them back into the community. This program looks at the individual’s risk areas and works to reduce them. The program is voluntary. Participants are identified 18-12 months prior to release. Some of the key elements of the program are: (1) detailed risk/needs assessment; (2) case management starts prior to release; (3) engage community resources through services, mentoring and accountability panels; (4) goal is successful reintegration. They have a 92% success rate. How you can get involved: (1) mentor; (2) teach a class; (3) serve on the accountability panel.

**E-Newsletter**

There was not time for discussion on the grant for the e-newsletter. A leadership team meeting will be scheduled prior to Feb 12 when the New Voices grant is due.

**Next Steps:** Attend the Two Hour Gathering for Quality of Life on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – noon at WSU Hughes Metroplex.

**Next Meeting:** no alliance meeting scheduled