



**Visioneering
Unified Legislative Alliance Meeting
September 14, 2009
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
McKinley Administration Center, Newton**

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Willis Heck, Joe Yager, Deborah Fischer Stout, Michelle Eastman, Amanda Duncan, Andy Schlapp, Scott Schneider, Dale Goter, Barby Jobe

Review Guiding Principals, Benchmarks

The guiding principals were reviewed and will remain the same for this year. (<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/ula/guiding%20principals.pdf>) In addition, everyone was reminded: items we cannot agree upon will not be considered for the ULA.

The benchmark focus areas of job growth, per capita income and education will also remain the same for this year.

Timeline of Activities

A draft ULA 2009-2010 Timeline was reviewed.

- **Oct 5** – Preparing for Submission questions due by 3 pm at CCSR
- **Oct 9** – Request for Submission and Resubmission forms will be distributed to those qualifying from the Oct 5th forms received.
- **Oct 23** – *tentative date* for legislative panel discussion.
- **Oct 30** – Request for Submission & Resubmission forms due by 3 pm to CCSR.
- **Nov 12** – Review & score ULA Submissions at Wichita Realtors Assoc, 170 W Dewey, Wichita from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Dec 3 – 4** – *tentative date* for policy summit and presentation of ULA items to the South Central Kansas Delegation.

Improving/Refining the Process

Alliance members reviewed the process utilized in previous years. Discussion was held on items carried forward on the ULA and whether information on those items was current. It was recommended that current ULA items be required to resubmit and update their proposal annually in order to be considered for inclusion on the ULA. The leadership team felt it necessary to add this step to determine whether or not an item still needs to be on the agenda. The alliance agreed and decided resubmissions should also go through the scoring process but do not need to go through the pre-submission process. In addition to the form a detailed report of how state dollars were spent will be required. This is information they should already be reporting to the state.

The Steering Committee will make the final selection decision on the ULA items. The results of the scoring matrix gives the Steering Committee an understanding of the priority items for those

attending the ULA scoring meeting. It is an input tool. The challenge for ULA items is to be a regional focus not state-wide focus.

Update on Issues Facing the Region

The challenge this year will be the state budget. This will not be a good year to ask for new dollars. We need to work to keep what we have. We need to compile data for our delegation to have to help protect our interests. Look at what the state has funded in the past to understand where our tax dollars are being spent.

The ULA is a statement of South Central Kansas issues that are important not a statement of success.

Next Meeting

Next meeting – Oct 23rd – location & time to be determined - would like to meet in El Dorado or Winfield.