



South Central Kansas Unified Legislative Agenda

April 18 – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
St. James Episcopal Church – 3750 E. Douglas - Wichita

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Visioneering Wichita completed Phase I in December, 2004 which brought together over 9,000 area residents along with government and community leaders to understand and address the significant challenges facing our (MSA) Metropolitan Statistical Area of Sedgwick, Harvey, Butler and Sumner counties. The result of this unprecedented effort was the publication of a 20-year strategic plan and vision for our metro area (see www.visioneeringwichita.com for plan).

Now is the time to start on that plan. *Visioneering Wichita* is forming alliances around six priority areas: Entrepreneurism & Small Business; MSA as a College Mecca; Mentoring in our K-12 Systems; Health Care; Racial Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony; and a South Central Kansas Unified Legislative Agenda.

Your organization has been identified as a needed valuable asset to begin an exploratory discussion regarding the formation of a strategic alliance on a South Central Kansas unified legislation agenda. You are invited to attend this initial meeting which will specifically discuss the following:

Unified Legislative Agenda

Develop a South Central Kansas unified legislative agenda driven by community will and issues and promote its implementation by our legislative delegation. The unified agenda will represent what a broad cross section of South Central Kansas organizations support and expect of legislative action. (Issues that divide us will not be included in the unified agenda.)

- a) Present the unified agenda prior to the legislative session and issue a report card after the session.
- b) Have a Wichita MSA and South Central Kansas Day in Topeka where representatives of all organizations visit with their legislators and provide support for the annual unified agenda.
- c) Ensure there is communication through the media and other communication mediums of Kansas legislative activities to the Wichita MSA citizens.
- d) Recognize the importance of working together and continuous communication with our legislative delegation.
- e) Encourage the South Central Kansas legislative delegation to form coalitions within the state to achieve the unified agenda.

Please indicate your attendance by contacting Diane Longfellow at 268-1141 or via email at diane@wacc.org by April 14th. I hope your schedule permits your attendance at this critical first meeting. If you are unable to attend you may send a representative.