



## Visionering Birth-K Alliance

April 12, 2010

### Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Chris Johnston, Nancy Rasmussen, Susan Lamb, Cornelia Stevens, Vicky Roper, Chelie Nelson, Shirley Theurer, Cayla Wasson, Rita Flickinger, Teresa Rupp, Sue Barrientos, Audra Kenneson, Jane Eby, Pat Hanrahan, Marla Canfield, Kandi Miller, Carla Heintz, Walter Thiessen, Emily Lies, Teresa Rupp, Diane Longfellow

#### Strategic Plan Review/Update

The MSA Council has reviewed the plan and feels it is too long, too cumbersome to use. Teresa Rupp provided a handout of strategic themes in the Comprehensive Plan. (<http://www.visioneringwichita.com/minutes/birth/Plan%20in%20brief.pdf>) MSA Council will take the document and condense down to 3 pages and bring back to the July Alliance meeting for review and approval. Any comments/feedback for consideration needs to be submitted to Diane Longfellow ([dlongfellow@cox.net](mailto:dlongfellow@cox.net)) by May 10<sup>th</sup>. She will forward the information to the council. The comprehensive plan work meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup> from noon – 1:00 p.m. Chris Johnston and Cornelia Stevens volunteered to attend the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Others interested in working on this please let Teresa Rupp ([trupp@childstart.org](mailto:trupp@childstart.org)) know.

#### Alliance Future Priorities

Early child care, education, safety and environment will always be priorities for this alliance. There was discussion around what needs to be the alliance priority beyond the comprehensive plan.

- Visionering Health Alliance is hosting a series of forums around Community Health Priorities. They have similar priorities to this alliance. This could be an opportunity for the two alliances to work together.
- We need to revisit the reason this alliance was formed. Is there something other than the comprehensive plan we should be doing.

#### Process for Future Grant Decisions

Teresa Rupp received a letter from Butler ICC with several ideas on how to handle future grant decisions. There was no feedback from anyone else. She suggested a small workgroup meet to develop a proposal on how to manage future grant decisions to bring back to the alliance for discussion. Workgroup members are: Sue Lamb, Kandi Miller, Vicky Roper, Marla Canfield, Chelie Nelson, Teresa Rupp and Emily Lies. Teresa will schedule the meeting.

#### Block Grant Update

Jane Eby provided the block grant update through December 2009. The report for period ending December 31, 2009 has been submitted. Link to the CRES Executive Summary: <http://www.visioneringwichita.com/minutes/birth/2009.01%20KS%20Childrens%20Cabinet%20Block%20Grant%20CRES%20Exec%20Summary%20REPORT.pdf>

Recap:

- Served 891 children under the age of 5
- 38% were 0-3 years

- All fit the criteria of at risk
- Served 248 adults (160 parents; 88 providers)

Kandi Miller provided an update for the current year. They are working on MOUs and contracts. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial reports are completed. Information has been received from WSU.

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| <b>Sub-committee Updates</b> |
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*Community Response Team – Vicky Roper*

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Wear blue on April 16 for Wear Blue Day! For more information visit [www.kcsl.org](http://www.kcsl.org).

Link to Wichita Child Abuse Fatalities Community Response Team Accomplishments to Date: Spring, 2010

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/birth/WCAFCRT%20Accomplishments%20To%20Date.pdf>

*Mental Health*

No update

*Sedgwick County – Cayla Wasson*

The Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council held their Strategic Plan meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. We will present the plan for adoption at the Full Council meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Water Center.

*Butler County:*

They are working on advocacy.

*Harvey County – Chelie Nelson*

They are in the process of updating their strategic plan and are planning a community-wide early childhood training around the topics of including young children with special needs and social emotional development.

*Sumner County:*

They are in the process of collaborating for county wide 0-5 parenting classes to be held at the preschool sites throughout the county.

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| <b>Next Meeting</b> |
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Upcoming meetings:

June 14, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce

Agenda:

- Discuss how agencies are being affected by the state budget cuts
- How do we respond as a unified voice

July 12, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce

Agenda:

- Revisit strategic plan
- Future grant decisions - discussion
- Sub-committee updates