

Visioneering Birth-K Alliance

May 11, 2009

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Lorraine Dold, Teresa Rupp, Vicky Roper, Cornelia Stevens, Lyndon Drew, June Rempel, Shannan Scholler, Anne Maack, Glenda Wilcox, Anne Harris Cravens, Walter Thiessen, Jim Garrett, Chris Johnston, Carla Heintz, Rita Flickinger, Audra Kenneson, Cayla Wasson, Debbie Mai, Shirley Theurer, Vicki Burgess McArthur, Kandi Miller, Sue Sommers Barrientos

Meeting Framework

Discussion around this alliance going forward:

- Hope to see this alliance as an advocate for the Early Childhood System.
- How do we leverage what resources we have to make things better for all?
- We are about coming up with better solutions.
- Find ways next year to work on data from services we are doing now.
 - Share stories to make an impact
- It's good to know what's going on in the community in order to build the system.
 - We need to know so the public can know.
- We need a website that can link the agency information from this alliance.
 - Connecting Point is working on this.
 - It has been done in Butler County.
- Is this group a duplication of what the ICCs are doing?
 - We have a broader stroke of early childhood system for the MSA.
 - The difference between alliance and MSA Council – this group has a business focus.
 - Alliance deals with the MSA not just one county – things that cross the lines.
- Two primary purposes for this alliance:
 - Funding
 - Alignment of opportunities to build the system
 - How do families get connected?
- We have heads of agencies at the table working to do what's best for the community not just what's good for the individual organization.
- This is a unique time in our history.
 - Federal dollars for services are available.
 - We need to get out of our agency boxes and come together.
- It comes back to the relationships we have built.
- Someone has to do the higher level thinking at the 25,000 foot level.
 - Leave behind your agency hat and take back what's important for our community.
- Look at the bigger picture.
 - Research needs and stats at the four county level.
 - Determine community level outcome measures
 - Then when grant opportunity comes up we are ready to move on it
- Find what the different agencies measure.
 - Look at the data and the plan to see if we are still on target.
- Do we need to create data needed to show we are making progress?

- This alliance could come up with a way to create this data.
- It's about the kids not the agency.
- Do we need a discussion about what's happened & the impact on children with disabilities?
 - Rainbow, Futures Unlimited, Families Together
- Collaboration won't happen if we don't have the relationship/trust already in place

Outcomes:

- Subgroup will meet to discuss what's happening with funding for children with disabilities.
- Rebecca Gillam will present information about the state plan at our June alliance meeting.
 - How does our plan fit with the state plan?
 - What kind of data is the state gathering?
- Look at structure created by the block grant (and other grants) and how it relates to the alliance structure.

Visioneering Update

Dale Goter with the City of Wichita plans to have a 1/2 show featuring the work of each alliance that will run on Channel 7. B-K will be the 1st alliance featured. Suzie is still working on details with Dale. Filming might start in June. Copies of the film will be available to be distributed to stations in smaller communities.

Next meeting Dates

June 8, 2:00 p.m., Board Room of Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce, 350 W Douglas
 Agenda: (1) Rebecca Gilliam – How the state plan fits with our MSA plan; (2) Message for Channel 7 program.