

Visioneering Wichita Birth-K Strategic Alliance Leadership Team

Date, time: 2:00 p.m. March 10, 2008, Center for Community Support and Research (358 N. Main, Wichita)

Attendees: Lorraine Dold, Debbie Mai, Walt Thiessen, Cayla Wasson, Kandi Miller, Michele Spainhower, Shirley Theurer, Teresa Rupp, Anne Maack, Nancy Rasmussen, Chelie Nelson

Today's Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Kansas Action for Children Grant Update

- Started to work with Tami Bradley (and pay her).
- Tuesday, Feb. 26th – Early-Learning/School Readiness Day. Won \$1,500 that day to add to current grant. Won "Division 4". What should we do with the \$1,500?
- Dr. Ross Thompson Host in September – Newton & engagement in Wichita. Would appreciate any funds to defer the costs. Should we contribute to help defer the costs? Newton, who received grant as well, is bringing together large event in September using Dr. Ross Thompson (he was listed on the speaker's list from the toolkit). Purpose is to educate the public at large about the importance of early childhood.
- Training for B-K Alliance in April – Yes, we are set.
- Tami did submit to Susan Tobias at Wichita Eagle. Has not been in the newspaper yet.

Next Steps:

- Debi – will talk w/ Sheri – Find out what are they planning, what is expertise of the speaker? She will send results to Diane who will send to Leadership Team and determine via e-mail. Find out if Butler & Sumner County business leaders would want to attend?

- ### 3. Meeting w/ Barry Downing. (See previous e-mail sent from Diane and handouts provided). There is possibility of new funds for B-K. 32% of kids 0-5 are in Wichita MSA...therefore funds should come to this area. Business people asked that the B-K Alliance go back to Comprehensive system plan and indicate priorities so that the funds (some from state & some raised local) can be used to meet those priorities. May need to

consider the priorities for each of the counties – where are there similarities and differences. Important to make recommendations as a team, not based on individual agencies. Question: What should the funds be spent on to make the biggest impact? Governor’s plan includes (1) underserved/at-risk, (2) programs for infants & toddlers – home visiting, (3) preschool for 4-year olds, (4) family childcare homes or centers (Note: This is just a sentence of what may be included in the block grant – no RFP has been released). Note: Share lesson from the Literacy Alliance.

Next Steps:

- What needs to go into the Plan? Each member of the Leadership Team review the current draft of the Plan.
- At Alliance Team meeting in April – extend the meeting by 60 minutes to inform the status of these developments to the rest of the Alliance members.
- April Alliance Meeting – Reference the “changing landscape/opportunity” and therefore need to “work the plan” and clarify needs. Especially in Safety & Environment.
- Find additional meeting times to meet to finalize plan.

Note: Plan e-mailed in advance of April 7th. Set the priorities based on the plan. See what data we have & where there are holes in “data”. Priorities have been identified (top 3 – based on News Release)...come back to those three priorities and the data those ties to each of these.

Leadership Team Did Not Discuss Items 4-7

4. Where does the Alliance go from here?

Based on the previous Alliance discussion, the Leadership Team identified three primary purposes for the Alliance and its meetings.

- Awareness Function
- Connection South Central Kansas Service Providers
- Opportunity for Collaboration for Funding

5. Finalizing the ECCS Plan – Small workgroup to finalize the more detailed plan (i.e., worded appropriately, consistently because different workgroups worked on different parts of the plan).

- Review notes from January Alliance meeting
- Discussion of April Alliance meeting – Frameworks training?

6. Upcoming meeting dates and times

- Alliance meeting: April 7 – 2 p.m. at CCSR (Kansas Rm) – Meeting will just focus on the training with brief overview of the focus of the B-K Alliance given above discussion – two hours (TBD).

7. Additional items/updates

<u>PAST MEETING AGREEMENTS</u>		
WHO	WHAT	BY WHEN
All	If interested in SRS conference call contact Walt before 2/15	Done
Anne	Send notes from the Frameworks Group Meeting to Visioneering Leadership Team.	Done
All	If interested in Early Learning Day (Feb. 26 th) contact Anne.	Done
??	Follow up with Bothner & Bradley regarding the idea of having article on the ECCS plan in the newspaper and follow-up editorials.	Done
Cayla, Others?	Finalize the South Central ECCS Plan.	??
<u>TODAY'S MEETING AGREEMENTS</u>		
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Debi	Talk w/ Sheri – Find out what are they planning, what is expertise of the speaker? She will send results to Diane who will send to Leadership Team and determine via e-mail. Find out if Butler & Sumner County business leaders would want to attend?	
Walt	Visit with SRS regarding interest in zip codes w/ high out of home placement...looking at 67211, 67216, 67217, 67218. Next step is to meet w/ SRS & elementary schools that work in those areas to develop ideas...specialized pre-schools in those areas – get the schools, what is happening.	Will Keep posted if anything helpful comes out of it.
Leadership Team	Review the current draft of the plan	Before 4/7