

Visioneering Wichita Birth-K Leadership/Grant Writing Team

Date, time: 2:00 p.m. December 1, 2008, CCSR

Attendees: Anne Maack, Vickie McArthur, Teresa Rupp, Glenda Wilcox, Jim Garrett, Shirley Theurer, Vicky Roper, Walter Thiessen, Larry Gwaltney, Kandi Miller, Cornelia Stevens, Nancy Rasmussen, Chelie Nelson, Chris Johnston, Cayla Wasson, Glenda Wilcox, Audra Kenneson

United Way Matching Funds

The letter to United Way from Lorraine Dold & Teresa Rupp on behalf of the Birth-K Alliance was provided as a handout. The letter thanked United Way for their willingness to provide \$110,000 in matching funds for the Early Childhood Block Grant. However, due to the reduced cash match needed for our grant award and funding already secured throughout the MSA, the Alliance decided by consensus to decline the offer.

Teresa Rupp provided copies of a letter received today to The Early Learning Community from The Kansas Early Learning Collaborative thanking everyone who helped make this happen and stressing collaboration. They will send out more information as soon as they can.

Early Childhood Block Grant Update

- \$1.1 million awarded
- Of the 35 applications received 14 were funded
- Ours was the 2nd largest request/2nd largest funded
- We were complemented on our collaboration – including all counties in our MSA
- They felt we received a reasonable reward based on our request
- We need to re-taylor our project to meet the funding allowed
- Start date is January 1, 2009
- There are some requirements to ensure collaboration
- **Alliance Priorities**
 - Parent/Family Support
 - Children's Mental Health
 - Quality Child Care
- **Cabinet's Priorities**
 - Slots
 - Infant/Toddler
 - EHS
 - Pre-K Classroom
 - Quality supply of childcare
 - Mental health consulting/coordinator

Jim Garrett provided copies of a spreadsheet listing programs (from our grant application) that he felt met the definition of what the cabinet awarded to us. He provided this as a starting point for discussion.

Jim's first ideas

- Assuming full funding for cabinet priorities

- \$396,665 left for non-cabinet priorities

General Discussion

Walt

- \$300,000 for home visiting programs
- \$96,000 for mental health capacity building/consultation

Lorraine

- Acknowledge cabinet priorities & spend first on mental health

Larry

- Build in some of the 70% for admin/evaluation cut in Jim's first ideas?

Shirley

- If adding Parents as Teachers and/or Healthy Families, commit to at-risk families first

Vicky B. Mc

- Focus on cabinet's priorities
- Allocate some mental health dollars to Parents as Teachers?

Next Meeting

December 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., CCSR

Everyone come back with revised budget for their portion.