



**Visioneering Wichita
Birth-K Strategic Alliance Meeting
March 26, 2007
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Lynn Drew, Walt Thiessen, Kandi Miller, June Rempel, Shirley Theurer, Paco Price, Nancy Rasmussen, Kim Werth, Bev White, Teresa Rupp, Vickie Burgess McArthur, Calene Binns, Roxanne Brotsky, Sue Harsh, Linda Mitchell, Maria Engelhardt, Trudy Kirkpatrick, Anne Maack, Nancy Crandall, Debbie Mai, Chelie Nelson, Shannon Benoit, Cayla Wasson

Leadership Team: Beverly White, Bill Hanna, Carla Heintz, Chelie Nelson, Connie McMullin, Jeannie Phillips, Jeff Usher, Kandi Miller, Karina Boyd, Kelly Hayes, Lorraine Dold Bockerny, Nancy Rasmussen, Sue Sommers Barrientos, Susan Wilson, Teresa Rupp, Vickie McArthur, Walter Thiessen

Purposes of today's Alliance Meeting:

- *Review the proposed process for ECCS Grant*
- *Review the role of local grant coordinator*
- *Begin Needs/Resource Assessment Process*
- *Update on recent activities related to B-K Alliance or Visioneering*

I. Review the Proposed Process for ECCS Grant & Role of Grant Coordinator

Scott Wituk and Teresa Rupp presented a brief overview of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) planning grant, including its purpose and the proposed process for the planning process for South Central Kansas in the following counties: Butler, Harvey, Sedgwick, and Sumner. More specifically, the ECCS grant is designed to allow communities to develop a plan for comprehensive services to children age 0-5 years and their families. Over the next 8-10 months, the B-K Visioneering Alliance will serve as an advisory group for the planning process, providing a touchstone for the counties to discuss progress and determine similarities and differences across communities. Cayla Wasson from Connecting Point and the Self-Help Network will assist in coordinating and facilitating the planning process. The first step in the planning process is to conduct a community assessment (using existing data, but also considering additional data collection activities), followed by interpretation of the assessment findings to create goals and needs statements to be included in a final plan document to be presented to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund in January 2008. It is expected that counties will be working independently during part of the process, but also have joint discussions to determine the goals and needs for South Central Kansas.

Additional information about the planning process can be obtained from Cayla at 316-267-3535 or via email at cwasson@rui.org.

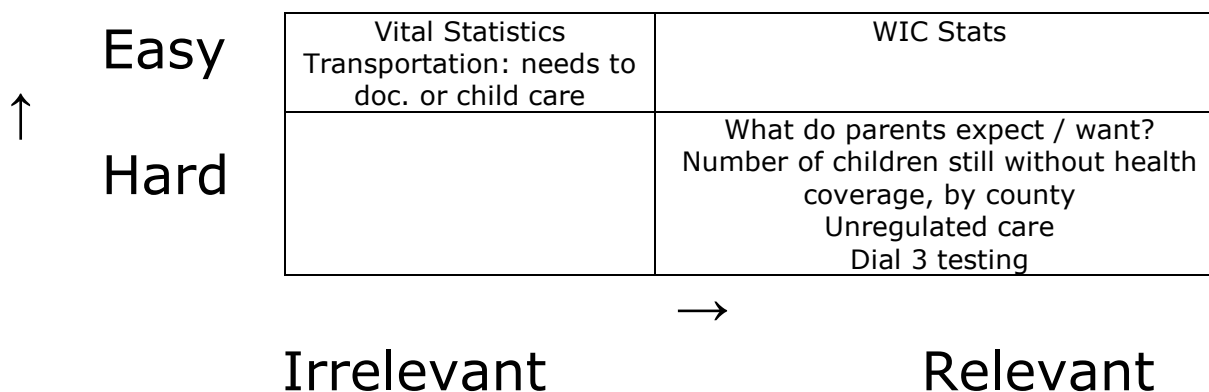
II. Needs & Resources Assessment Process

The needs and resource assessment process started by asking participants to identify sources of relevant information for early childhood development for South Central Kansas. Through a facilitated discussion the following list of data sources and who can provide each to **Cayla at cwasson@rui.org by Friday, April 6th**.

<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Health needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low birth weight • Infant mortality • Pre-natal education link 	Beverly White, CHW
MSA census data	Suzie
Child mal-treatment including out of home placement	Vickie @ KCSL
Health Needs	Susan Wilson via Cayla
Wichita Cares Data	Nancy
# Kids who are medically fragile in 4 counties	Trudy
# Deaf-Blind # Blind / VI	Maria
% of moms that give birth 1 st time that have sufficient risk factors that put baby @ risk for child abuse / neglect	Vickie @ KCSL
KACCRRRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business development guide 	Kim
Head Start / Early Head Start Comm. Assess. for summer	Shirley
Parent as Teachers	June
Free and reduced lunches for Wichita	Shannon
Free and reduced lunch by school for Haysville	Roxanne (try for all counties)
UW Need Assessment	Cayla
Dr. Wong info-economist presentation @ Hilton	Kim
Free and reduced lunch – summer	Shirley
Screening and referrals	Cayla
2000 study of child care quality in KS measured by infant / toddler environmental rating scale and family	Anne

child care environmental rating scale	
# of slots in licensed care? # of CC provides who meet quality standards by county # of kids, by age, who need childcare in each county	Teresa
HS community needs assessment for Sedgwick County • New one in summer 2007	Teresa
NACCRRRA ranking of CC NIEER report on state sponsored pre-K	Anne
Live birth fro each county	Paco
HealthWave	Maria
WIC stats	
Vaccination for kids	Maria
Family-based vs. center-based childcare	Anne
Maternal child and health @ risk pregnancies	Cayla
K readiness screening data by district	Shirley and core council
Pre-school slots	Shirley, Nancy, Chelie

Participants also identified additional sources of information/data, but did not readily have access. Participants identified how easy-hard it would be to obtain the information/data for South Central Kansas and how relevant it was to early childhood development. Such information/data may be a source for future discussion as to whether it should be located and included in the community needs and resource assessment.



III. Update on Recent Activities Related to B-K Alliance or Visioneering

Several additional recent activities were highlighted, including:

- Recent trip by Suzie Ahlstrand to Washington DC where advocates for early childhood development and business leaders discussed its importance. Suzie mentioned several of the speakers and noted they may be interested in coming to Wichita when the time is right.

- Joint leadership team meeting is scheduled for March 28th at 7:30 am at Self-Help Network.
- Next B-K Alliance Leadership Team meeting is Monday, April 9th at 2 pm at Self-Help Network
- Next B-K Alliance meeting is Monday, April 16th at 2 pm at Self-Help Network