



**Visioneering
Healthcare Alliance Meeting
December 6, 2005
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Jessie Kaye, Tina Payne, Rita Flickinger, Jack Brown, Mary Knecht, Mary Anderson, Susie Schwartz, Andy Solter, Jeff Usher, Jessica Stuhlsatz, Ron Whiting, Carolyn Jenlink, Sandy Pickert, Sheena Lynch, Ann Abel, Ed Dismuke, Susan Bumsted, Don Youts, Colin McKenney, Kathy Thompson, Hoyt Hillman, Karen Cox, Mary Sutton, Claudia Blackburn, Deborah Donaldson, Fred McLean, Denny Bender, Kathy Sexton, Toni Pickard, Claudio Ferraro, Laurie Labarca

Leadership Team: Kathy Sexton, Jack Brown, Ron Whiting

The Purpose of the Healthcare Alliance meeting

- Celebrate what has been accomplished to date and the role of the Visioneering Alliance.
- Revisit progress made on healthcare benchmark.
- Provide examples of current and upcoming activities.
- Discuss interests in partnerships around addressing local healthcare issues.

Accomplishments from 2005

During the Year 2005, the Healthcare alliance prioritized a list of 4 Priority Action Step Areas. They are as follows:

1. Promoting disease prevention by encouraging healthy lifestyles, wellness, fitness, and education programs. Address tobacco, obesity, drug, alcohol and violence issues.
2. Having comprehensive coordinated health care (including mental, dental, and medical) for all people.
3. Ensuring the availability and adequate supply of qualified healthcare professionals.
4. Communicate and promote existing health services.

Significant progress was made in the action area of:

Ensuring the availability and adequate supply of qualified healthcare professionals.

Presentation was made by Ann Abel (see 2005 Unified Legislative Agenda Proposals under the Recent Developments for the Unified Legislative Agenda Alliance). The presentation was the Unified Legislative Alliance Proposal regarding "Expansion costs in nursing programs in Post-Secondary public educational institutions in South Central Kansas."

Revisit Progress made on Healthcare Benchmark

Current Proposed Benchmark: "Increase healthcare quality and accessibility, while at the same time, the Wichita MSA will reduce the rate of growth in annual healthcare costs by **%".

Jack Brown presented on progress made on the Healthcare Benchmark (see Alliance Handouts – Benchmark Progress under the Recent Developments for the Health Care Alliance). So far, progress has been made in reviewing the primary factor of healthcare costs. Efforts are currently being made to access state and national data to establish a baseline and to which a specific numerical percentage can be developed. The Healthcare alliance requested that there be a timeframe added to the benchmark and that the benchmark group continues to be updated with the Healthcare Authority about policy changes and with TABOR. The Healthcare alliance also requested that time and effort be spent on reviewing and investigating the other two areas proposed in the proposed benchmark: Quality and Accessibility.

Therefore the Alliance designated two subcommittees to continue such efforts in the areas of Quality and Accessibility. The two subcommittees are as follows:

QUALITY

- (1) Claudia Blackburn
- (2) Rita Flickinger
- (3) Ron Whiting
- (4) Susan Bumsted

Access (review information from the KS Medically Underserved Association):

- (1) Claudia Blackburn
- (2) Ron Whiting
- (3) Susan Bumsted
- (4) Denny Bender
- (5) Hoyt Hillman
- (6) Debbie Donaldson

Claudia Blackburn, Sedgwick County Health Department, volunteered Sedgwick County Health Department to be the hub of data collection for Sedgwick County Area. Any information/data that an organization would like to have collected from an area-wide approach from Sedgwick County, contact Claudia Blackburn at Sedgwick County Health Department.

Examples of Current and Upcoming Efforts and Activities

Brief presentations were given by Harvey County Health Department and the Health & Wellness Coalition. These are examples of current coalitions and agencies that have been working within the Wichita MSA. Each gave examples of their partnerships, challenges, successes, structure, purpose, history and upcoming interests in partnerships. (See Alliance Handouts – Harvey Co. Initiative under Recent Developments for the Health Care Alliance and visit www.hwcwichita.org for information presented by the Health & Wellness Coalition).

Discuss interests in partnerships around addressing local healthcare issues

The Alliance engaged in a process to determine what the role of the Healthcare Alliance should be for 2006. The group brainstormed the following ideas:

- The Benchmark subcommittees continue to meet and report to the Healthcare Alliance.
- Continue to work on 4 priorities for 2006 but have discussions about other 5 areas during that year.
- Provide Public Forums to educate community/businesses. These Forums should:

- Be related to the benchmark variables (costs, quality, access) and contributing factors.
- Link into other Visioneering initiatives
- Meet quarterly for 1 ½ hours and should move around throughout the Wichita MSA
- Focus public policy
- Promote existing service providers

Possible Presentations/Presenters for Forums

- Tobacco Free Coalition
- KDHE Informatics Projects
- Medical Society
- Oral Health KS
- Abstinence Ed. Inc.
- KU Medical School
- Hunter Health
- Project Access
- Health Department – Strategic Health
- Statewide Health Policy authority
 - Marcy Nelson

The Alliance developed a workgroup to help with Coordinating and finding linkages for the Presenters to present at the Forums. The following agreed to be on this workgroup:

- (1) Andy Solter
- (2) Kathy Thompson or Patti Moser (Via Christi Outreach and Prevention)

Updates and Meeting Announcements

12-16-05	Unified Legislative Agenda Invitation	3pm	Old Cowtown
03-14-05	Visioneering Wichita MSA Annual Meeting	7pm	WSU Metro Center

Next Steps

<u>Who Will</u>	<u>Do What</u>	<u>By When</u>
Claudia Blackburn Rita Flickinger Ron Whitig Susan Bumsted	Work on Quality variable in the Benchmark	On-going through 2006
Claudia Blackburn Ron Whitig Susan Bumsted Denny Bender Hoyt Hillman Debbie Donaldson	Work on the Accessibility Variable in the Benchmark and focus on the information and data provided by the KS Medically Underserved Association	On-going through 2006
Jack Brown Hoyt Hillman	Continue to work on Cost variable in the Benchmark	On-going through 2006
Andy Solter Kathy Thompson	Coordinate the Forums for 2006	On-going through 2006

Patty Moser		
Kathy Sexton Jack Brown Ron Whitig	Set date for next Alliance Meeting	Feb. 1, 2006
Kathy Sexton Jack Brown Ron Whitig	Set date for next Leadership Meeting	ASAP

Next Alliance Meeting: March 2006 (location/date/time TBD)