



Attendance: Jon Rosell, Hoyt Hillman, Jack Brown, Jessica Tarbell, Kathy Sexton, Ron Whiting, Claudia Blackburn, Doren Frederickson

Update on 9 Health Focus Areas

In the last month alcohol, palliative care, physical activity & nutrition have met. A written report will be submitted on all focus areas at the next leadership team meeting. Alcohol has a new champion, Mildred Edwards at the Regional Prevention Center. Sonja has invited her to meet and discuss reporting and strategies.

The group with the most urgent information to share is *Tobacco*.

- Newton has adopted a clean indoor air ordinance as well as North Newton & Hesston.
- Nov 20th Tobacco Free Wichita will use the public agenda time in the City Council meeting to ask that they consider a comprehensive clean indoor air ordinance for Wichita.
- Everyone is invited at 2:00 p.m. on Nov 20th to a press conference sharing the results of the survey of registered voters to be held at WSU Delvin Hall, 2nd floor conference room.
- Written report will be submitted on all focus areas at the next leadership team meeting.

Update on VW Business Coalition on Health

Concept paper & implementation plan

- Meetings with potential coalition participants have followed the information in the concept paper. Business should be involved because they foot the cost of health care; a collaborative environment is the best way to go; benefits are that there is strength in numbers and combining resources.
- Currently looking for an organization to house coalition that already has a 501(c)3 to help get started more quickly.
- Input received on the dues structure is that it is reasonable.
- The board will be 50% business and 50% health care providers.

Meetings had and planned

- Kathy & Suzie had a positive meeting with Bryan Derreberry of the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce. No final decision was made.
- Looking for a handful of businesses to take the lead.
- Kathy & Jon had a meeting with Mitch & Dr. Patton of Mid Kansas Physicians Association. This meeting resulted from the article in the Eagle. They were very positive & want to sign on.
- Kathy has talked to her contact at Cox. They are going to visit with their HR people. If they get in early they could be one of the lead companies. Cox suggested possibly doing PSAs.

- Meetings will be scheduled with other participants in the September Alliance meeting. Initially focusing on employers with mid/upper range salaried employees. Jon, Jack and Kathy agreed to follow through on this. Focus on a handful of willing leaders.
- Perhaps bring in another coalition model representative who is a business person for an Alliance meeting then meet with the Chamber's executive committee. Testimony from a business person would be powerful.
- Once have a handful of committed leaders plan to go to a foundation such as the KHF Leadership Center for a one time start up grant. The Leadership Center is interested in "adaptive change" and that is what this coalition is about. Jack agreed to schedule a meeting with the Leadership Center. Kathy & Claudia will also attend the meeting.
- Plans are in the works to have a column in the Business Today section of the Eagle.

Requests from Leadership Team

- Kathy asked the leadership team to think of groups they work with (such as boards) where a presentation could be given – just 15 minutes on the agenda of a regular meeting.
- Website: www.healthywichita.com. Ron will add a way to express interest in the coalition.

Unified Legislative Agenda update

The WIGME proposal was accepted to be a part of the ULA. Now the work begins. Everyone was encouraged to mention the initiative when appropriate.

Update from Sedgwick County's Access project

There are 3 working groups. Sedgwick County website has a link to progress updates. Several on the leadership team are involved.

Upcoming Meetings

Sedgwick County is planning a January meeting with the Kansas Health Policy Authority. The purpose is to receive an update on what's happening at the state level to be sure the county is on track with them. Claudia will see if the meeting can be expanded to include Health Care Alliance members.

Alliance Meetings

There will not be an alliance meeting in January.

February or March - State of Health Care in The Region – purpose to provide updates to the Alliance members on the county's access project, Visioneering, nine focus areas and the business coalition.

June – Meeting with the local legislature to receive updates on health care issues.

Leadership Team Meetings

There will not be a leadership team meeting in December. They will start meeting every other month for 1 ½ hours from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Kathy will work out a schedule to be forwarded to the team.