



## Visionering Health Care Alliance Meeting October 19, 2007 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Mathew Mount, Kathy Sexton, Jeanne Hughes, Phil Journey, Doren Fredrickson, Chuck Squire, Bryon Nordhus, Annette Graham, Colin McKenney, Roger Nolte, Karen Wilson, Dave Sanford, Toni Pickard, Sonja Armbruster, Becky Tuttle, Charlie Claycomb, Teresa Schwab, Marcia Manter, Chase Roseberger, Anne Nelson, Lueata Kanngiesser, Carla Lee, Jonathan Funk, Luella Sanders, Colleen Parker, Suzanne Unruh, Oleatha Faust-Goudeau, Geraldine Flaharty, Jennifer Harms, Dave Unruh, Tim Norton, Dexter Woods, Rachel Moody, Debbie Donaldson, Claudia Blackburn, Hoyt Hillman, Kathy Weno

Leadership Team: Anne Nelson, Claudia Blackburn, Colleen Parker, Denny Bender, Doren Fredrickson, Hoyt Hillman, Jack Brown, Jessica Tarbell, Kathy Sexton, Kathy Thompson, Mary Fusco, Mary Koehn, Patti Moser, Ron Whiting, Susan Bumsted, Jon Rosell, Rod Harris

### The Purpose of the Healthcare Alliance meeting

- Visionering Health Care Alliance Overview
- Oral Health Initiatives

### Visionering Health Care Alliance Overview

The September minutes were reviewed and approved. A detailed alliance summary as well as previous meeting documents can be found on the Visionering website (<http://www.visioneringwichita.com/sa-healthcare.cfm>). The next Alliance meeting will be January 2008. It will be a discussion around the Unified Legislative Agenda Alliance submission from Health, Funding GME and Residency Education in Wichita

### Oral Health Plan & State Activities – Kathy Weno, DDS, JD

Dr. Kathy Weno, Dental Director, Office of Oral Health, KDHE; joined KDHE in April 2006.

#### Oral Health Initiatives

- Lead Agency specializing in Oral Health
- Working to collect more data in Kansas
- Current projects
  - Smiles Across Kansas – 3<sup>rd</sup> Screenings for Oral Health Across Kansas.
  - Oral Health Screenings for Kansas School Children – we have a statute for the dental inspection; developing a better screening process.
  - Children with Special Health Care Needs – specially funded from federal government which will provide case management and access point for special needs children in Wichita at GraceMed.
  - Oral Health and Fluoride Varnish Education for Medical Professionals – using four half-time dental educators to educate medical offices about ways they can support oral health.
- *State Oral Health Plan – will be available November 2, 2007*
  - A Public Health Document, comprehensive, all ages, all abilities, everywhere in Kansas.
  - Intended to coordinate efforts and develop a future plan.
- Dental Workforce, 74% dental professionals live in the five metro counties and 30% expect to retire in the next ten years.
- Financing Oral Health Care for Underserved Populations, 38% of Kansans have no dental insurance. Only 370 dentists filed Medicaid claims for the 120,000 children covered by Medicaid.
- Community and Public Dental Health: community water fluoridation, reduce tobacco use, increase use of fluoride varnish and sealants.
- Children's Oral Health, dental decay in children 2-5 is on the rise; need a specific oral health standard for school health curriculum standards.

Everyone was invited to attend the Oral Health Conference November 1-3 in Wichita.  
(<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/hc/State%20Oral%20Health%20Plan.pdf>)

#### Update on AEGD Program – Dexter Woods, DDS, Associate Professor WSU

Dr. Dexter Woods is the founding director of the WSU College of Health Professionals – Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program. He joined the WSU faculty full time this summer. The AEGD program is a unique approach to addressing dental education, training and access to oral health care. This program is targeted for a fall 2009 start.

AEGD Update:

- WSU Health Professions Vision – Innovation and excellence in education to promote a healthy society
- AEGD
  - A one year post doctorate training with an optional second year.
  - Build it at the main WSU campus and through community outreach clinics.
  - 15-20 chair facility plans.
- Funding
  - Seeking GME and HRSA funding.
- Accreditation
  - Process is based on Commission on Dental Education
  - Requires a self-study document which Dr. Woods is currently creating and prepared for as he used to be a site visitor for CODA.
- Plans
  - Family practice dentistry, adjunct faculty, developing a dental assisting school, mobile recruitment of students and faculty plans.
  - Will have a continuing education component, foster relationships with federal leadership and research.
  - Engage in community health fairs and events as well as VA and military connections.
- Curriculum
  - Restorative, implants, cosmetic dentistry, advanced technologies, pediatric dentistry, periodontal, and many more.
- Dental Hygiene
  - Will work in partnership with current WSU Dental Hygiene program.

In summary, they are finalizing locations, affiliations, self-study document, and recruitment of faculty members, developing a pre-dental club and seeking funding. Dr. Woods emphasized that this is an education and training program, that the residency focus are not fully defined and serving the underserved is not a core function but they will be partner with GraceMed.

#### Local Oral Health Coalition – Lueata Kanngiesser

Lueata Kanngiesser is the facilitator for the Oral Health Coalition

Update

- She serves 811 Headstart kids as the tooth fairy.
- Fact sheet for the Coalition  
(<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/hc/Oral%20Health%20Coalition%20Mission.pdf>)
- Give A Kid a Smile Day is March 1.
- Oral Health Kansas has a position on the consumer council for the Kansas Health Policy Authority. KHPA is recommending Medicaid coverage for dental for pregnant women.

#### Next Meetings

**Leadership Team:** November 16, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Chamber

**Alliance Meeting:** January 2008, location & time TBA. Topic: discussion around the Unified Legislative Agenda Alliance submission from Health, Funding GME and Residency Education in Wichita.