



**Visioneering Wichita  
Mentoring Alliance Meeting  
March 9, 2006  
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Jan Davis, Norma Bricker, Andy Solter, Jeff Usher, Lavonta Williams, Terry Behrendt, Kendall Heier, Angela Lampe, Angela Kessler, Lottie Miller, Chris Wolgamott, Debi Corrigan, Leila Gallagher, Kristy Youngers, Christi Rudiger

Leadership Team: Terry Behrendt, Norma Bricker, Debi Corrigan, Jan Davis, Bill Hanna, Annette Singletary, Cornelia Stevens, Jeff Usher, Jeff Wenzel

**Purposes of the Mentoring Alliance Meeting**

- Learn more about the Governor's initiative with Bill Snyder
- Provide names and/or contact information for those responsible for collecting data at each mentoring organization to help inform the data collection subcommittee
- Continue developing strategies for strategic area Partnerships (businesses, churches, schools, neighborhoods – civic and retirement organizations)
- Develop next steps

**Governor's initiative with Bill Snyder**

Jeff Usher reported the information he collected related to the Governor's initiative involving Bill Snyder. This initiative is actually very similar to what we are currently doing. The initiative is about creating an awareness of the need for mentors and promoting mentoring; it is not about running programs. They will be developing a statewide advisory council and a leadership team. They will also be designing a toolkit and promoting/providing information about best practices via a website. Mentoring organizations will also be listed on their website, and those listed must meet minimum standards (i.e., must screen). Jeff spoke with Amy Link (with the Department of Transportation), and she would be happy to speak to the Leadership Team and/or the Strategic Alliance.

**Data Collection Subcommittee**

The data collection subcommittee will be comprised of a subset of members from the Leadership Team. This subcommittee will meet to examine what data is currently collected by organizations, what data we want to collect, and how best to collect that data. For now, each organization will report new mentors (December 1 each year) and total youth served (new or existing) to address targets on an annual basis.

**Develop strategies for Partnerships**

Although there were three strategic action areas identified to pursue in 2006, the Leadership Team proposed that the Strategic Alliance focus on the area of

Partnerships. Increasing partnerships has the greatest potential to increase the number of mentors, which relates to the benchmark.

Participants developed a list of what constitutes a partnership and a list of ways to help create and maintain these partnerships (see previous notes for lists).

Participants also began to answer the following questions about partnerships with churches, businesses, schools, and neighborhoods (including civic and retirement organizations):

1. What is the goal statement for this subgroup? (What statement would help us know that we have successfully completed the task? This statement should include a number.)
2. What opportunities are currently available to us that will help us reach this desired goal?
3. What challenges do we currently face that might hinder us from reaching this desired goal?
4. What are all of the possible ways that your organization can help meet this collective goal?
5. Who should be involved from this group? Are there other organizations from this alliance that your agency can collaborate with?
6. Are there any champions who would be willing to help collect this information and follow-up on next steps from the group?
  - o The role of the champion would be to monitor the group and report progress to the entire Strategic Alliance. The champion will send information (i.e., # of partnerships) to the chamber for data collection.
  - o Who is doing what by when? Set definite next steps.

**NOTE: Please see individual handouts for the each of the four groups: Businesses, Churches, Schools, and Neighborhoods (including civic and retirement organizations).**

The groups discussing neighborhoods and schools will complete their work at the next Strategic Alliance meeting, and next steps for each of these Partnership groups will be discussed.

#### Next steps

The Strategic Alliance will continue efforts in developing strategies for Partnerships and develop next steps.

#### **Next Leadership Team Meeting:**

Thursday, April 6, 2006                      8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.                      Chamber

#### **Next Strategic Alliance Meeting:**

Thursday, April 13, 2006                      9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.                      Maize High School