



**Visioneering Wichita
Mentoring Alliance Meeting
August 10, 2006
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Chris Wolgamott, Steve Paul, Pat Clough, Lottie Miller, John Stevens, Barbara Chamberlin, Shirley Faucette, Angela Lampe, Andy Solter, Angela Kessler, Norma Bricker, Bill Hanna, Kendall Heier, Valerie Wall

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

- Review summer workgroup activities
- Data Collection workgroup update
- Discuss the mentoring communication plan
- Update on the Statewide Mentoring Project
- Develop next steps

Summer Workgroup Activities

Over the months of June and July, the Partnership workgroups (neighborhoods, schools, churches and businesses) have met to begin working on developing and implementing strategies. Champions from each of the workgroups reported a summary of the progress (to view the full report, see Alliance Handouts – Neighborhood Workgroup, Church Workgroup, School Workgroup and Business Workgroup under Recent Developments for the K/12 Mentoring Strategic Alliance on the Visioneering website www.visioneeringwichita.com). The Self-Help Network will schedule and follow-up with the workgroups.

Some of the highlighted points of the progress reports are as follows:

Neighborhoods workgroup: The neighborhood workgroup is requesting that each mentoring alliance member complete the survey of needs and return to Diane. The survey will be a tool to assist in discussions with various neighborhood associations as to how the neighborhood associations can help to build the capacity of the local mentoring organizations. The alliance recommended that the member survey delete the category of Financial Support and to define the other categories by listing examples in the survey.

Churches workgroup: The church workgroup is in the process of drafting a letter and a survey to be presented to local churches. The purpose of the letter is to inform the churches about Visioneering Wichita MSA and inform them about the attached survey. The purpose of the survey is to collect the list of needs from local churches who are interested in partnering with a mentoring organization or those who want to have their own mentoring organization. The alliance recommended

that the church workgroup place the letter in the *Spotlight on Wichita* paper in order to get the word out to the denominational leaders.

Businesses workgroup: The business workgroup reported that they are working on E-mentoring. Andy Solter and others are working on developing a nonprofit called the Career Pipeline. The Career Pipeline will have an e-mentoring program where employees can mentor students via the email.

Norma Bricker also reported that Big Brothers/Big Sisters have created a professional marketing recruitment packet that contains the program description, the benefits of having a mentor, benefits for employees and employers, and the process to become a volunteer and how to get started. The packet has possible implications to other workgroups as well as to the alliance as a whole.

Schools workgroup: The schools workgroup reported that they are in no position to begin working with every school district, but will focus on various school districts and various stages. To start, this workgroup will work with Goddard. Goddard has a representative who is very engaged in Visioneering Wichita.

Data Collection Workgroup Update

This agenda item was deferred until the next meeting.

Mentoring Communication Plan

The Mentoring Communication team will meet on August 28, 2006 at 12:00pm at the Chamber of Commerce. The communication team will meet to discuss strategies to market the mentoring alliance as well as other initiatives and projects.

Statewide Mentoring Project

Bill Snyder was named the champion of the statewide initiative that was launched by Governor Kathleen Sebelius. Bill Hannah will be one of the seven chosen leaders to lead this initiative.

Next Steps

Below is the future timeline for the Mentoring Alliance:

- August 28, 2006 @ 12:00pm—Communication Team meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.
- September 21, 2006 @ 8:30am—Alliance meeting at the SHN (358 N. Main).