



Visionering Wichita
Mentoring Alliance Meeting
May 7, 2009
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Terry Behrendt, Donovan Karber, Carol Rupe, Teresa Hatfield, Lyndon Drew, Patty Gnefkow, Ella Todd

Kansas Mentors Update

State Mentoring Conference

- Conference went well, close to 200 attendees
- Evaluation indicated overall participants pleased
 - 90% would recommend attending next year
- Area of improvement
 - 2 tract system for breakout sessions, beginners & advanced
- Community Toolbox session provided a great take-home resource
 - Ella will email link to Diane to send out to the group

General KM Info

- Andy Thompkins is now chair of KM leadership council
 - Coach will remain involved
- Plan to start strategic planning for the leadership council
 - How to remain sustainable
- Considering holding webinars in the future
 - Community Toolbox might be one to do
- KM is currently redoing their website

Drop-out Prevention Summit

- Jessica Noble is chair
- June 2nd will be a meeting of the large planning group
- By end of May hope to have the website up & running
- Plan to use Kansas Dept of Education numbers for drop-out baseline
- Summit will be Oct 20th from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the WSU Rhatigan Student Center
- Focus will be state issues to work on
- Plan to come away with an action plan
- Need more than just educators at the summit

Coaches Challenge

- Will be from August 1 – November 21
- PSA featuring both coaches should be completed by July 28
- Plan to hold a contest among mentoring organizations to determine matches that will be featured in the PSA

Sustaining Mentoring Organizations

What are mentoring organizations doing to promote mentoring?

Compeer

- Lunch buddy matches in 9 – 10 schools
- August will begin recruiting state employees
- Working with MHA to replicate their Paths for Kids through Pathways across the nation
- Plans to mentor parents as well as children in high risk areas
- Band Together Concert June 5th at the Cotillion at 7:00 p.m. to benefit their mentoring program

Youth Horizons

- Donovan presented at one of the breakout sessions at the Mentoring Conference – it was well attended
- Working with a small group at one of the churches who want to mentor the family as well as the children

RSVP

- Several recent placements with CIS
- May 9th Community Involvement Fair at the Sedgwick Co Extension Office

CIS

- Carol Rupe is the new CIS representative for our alliance

Catholic Charities

- Recent federal legislation has changed their rules making it easier to recruit
 - Opens up eligibility

AmeriCorps

- Increasing in size
- New opportunities as a result of the stimulus package

Continue Local Awareness

- Billboard is up on I-135
- Website is up – www.wichitamentors.com – would like to know number of hits

Visioneering Update

Exposure

- Sept 17th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Century II
- In the past VW Mentoring Alliance has had a booth – will do so again this year
- Need to decide what booth will look like
- Ella will get a football signed by Coach to have as a drawing give away

Channel 7

- Each alliance will be featured in a 30 minute interview to be run on Channel 7
- Need to decide on messages & who will be interviewed

Next Meeting

June 4th, 8:00 a.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce board room.

June Agenda: (1) Exposure booth; (2) Kansas Mentors updates; (3) Grant opportunities/stimulus dollars; (4) Planning for fall awareness for mentoring