



Visioneering Wichita
Mentoring Alliance Meeting
May 13, 2010
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Terry Behrendt, Felecia Norris, Nancy Hughbanks, Russell Miller, Lyndon Drew, Tammy Shimon, Deidre Edwards, Kimberle Martin, Donovan Karber, Mark Eby, Jimi Nickel, Judith Wencel, Tejashree Chawla, Diane Longfellow

March Minutes

The March minutes were approved and will be posted on the Visioneering website.

Key Benchmark Update

Jeremy Hill, director WSU Center for Economic Development and Business Research, has updated the Visioneering Key Benchmarks. Link to his PowerPoint: <http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/newsletter/2010%20Key%20Benchmarks%20Update.pdf>

Terry Behrendt provided an overview of Jeremy's presentation.

- Job growth – until 2009 Wichita was above its peer cities
- Per capita income – above the US for the 1st time in a number of years
- Personal income – very similar to our peer cities
- Out of wedlock births – MSA is higher than the state
- Family stability – more marriage dissolutions supports the need for mentors
- Downtown investment – investment alone doesn't tell if city is growing
 - Benchmark team would like ideas on how to better benchmark downtown investment
- Arts & recreation – lots going on in Wichita, Final Friday, First Friday, GoPlayKansas.com
- Diversity – closing the gap on per capita income – want to see everyone at the same level

New Alliance Chair

Terry has agreed to continue as the alliance chair until the end of the year.

Sustaining Mentoring Organizations

Felecia Norris – Wichita Police Department

- A commitment to volunteerism will be added to the Chief's webpage
 - This is part of their mission & values
- Police department Command Staff meet once a month and would like a presentation on Visioneering and mentoring
 - Diane will work with Felecia on dates and email the alliance requesting volunteers for the presentation

Tejashree Chawla

- Tejashree is new to the community and the alliance
- She is interested in train the trainer concept for mentoring

Nancy Hughbanks

- Nancy is a member of the Maize school board and is interested in mentoring *Russ Miller, USD 259*

- USD 259 has seen significant reduction in central positions

- Not sure yet what this means

Lyndon Drew, Catholic Charities Foster Grandparents

- New executive director Cynthia Colbert

Deidre Edward, Goodwill GoodGuides

- They will be recruiting until April 2011

- Have applied for another 3 year grant

Jimi Nickel, Youth Horizons

- New director transitioning in

- Working on new partnerships with churches and schools

Tammey Shimon

- Currently mentoring at Wilbur Middle School

- Involved with CASA

Mark Eby, Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Funding of site based program is decreasing dramatically

- Fewer people volunteering – had fewer bowlers this year

- CEO resigned – search is on for replacement

Donnovan Karber

- Working with other Christian organizations to develop mentoring programs at juvenile detention centers

Judith Wencel, Mentoring in the Middle

- Served over 300 kids in 6 schools

- Having a coordinator on site helps with retention especially in the middle schools

- Planning a meeting with the city to get the word out about mentoring

- Alliance members interested in participating in the meeting let Diane know

- Developing a Summer of Success website with ideas for middle schoolers summer activities

Terry Behrendt, WSU

- Teachers mentoring teachers – expanding mentoring beyond youth

- Last week a group from the national school board and national defense were in Wichita looking at USD259 middle school model for leadership to replicate

Visioneering Updates

The Draft Downtown Master Plan will be presented in June with the final plan completed in September/October. There are plans for the City to City trip to visit a community that has done a master plan and is in the implementing phase. Louisville, KY is a possibility.

Upcoming Meetings

Alliance Meeting:

July 8, 8:00 a.m., Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Agenda:

- Update from Ella on Kansas Mentors
- Update from Jessica on Regional Kansas DropIns finding.
- Planning for Fall 2010