



Visioneering Wichita
Mentoring Alliance Meeting
July 9, 2009
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Terry Behrendt, Lyndon Drew, Russ Miller, Mark Eby, Gennelly Pacholski, Ella Todd (via phone)

Kansas Mentors Update

Website

- Is being updated to be more user friendly
- Launch Aug 3rd
- Plan to have an interactive directory
 - Programs enter their own information
 - Programs will have a better opportunity to explain their program(s)

Coaches Challenge

- PSA has been filmed
- Will email when available

Mainstream Inc.

- They are working on sustainability
- Will launch a survey today to find out how the current economic environment is effecting mentoring organizations
- A summary document will be available

Drop-in Conference

- Friday the youth council participants will be announced
- Devon Bogan will be the keynote speaker
- Nick Lowery – former Chief's football player – will champion the summit
- Youth will have their own summit in the morning & join adults for the afternoon
- There will be regional pre & post summits in addition to the summit
 - Wichita will host a pre-summit in Aug or September
- Website: www.kansasdropins.org – this is a resource site and will stay active after the conference

Mentoring Awareness across the State

- Posters will be available
- Might tailgate in Topeka and perhaps Wichita – target state employees

June Minutes

Approved with the following correction:

- Would like a list of USD 259 volunteer coordinators

Sustaining Mentoring Organizations

What do we need to be doing as an alliance?

- There is a need for more male mentors – anything we can do as an alliance would help
 - Coaches challenge poster features a young boy in a football jersey – tag line “join a winning team”
 - Mark is going to check with Business Journal about highlighting business leaders who are mentors
 - Ella will check about their new website doing this also
- Alliance needs to explore an awareness campaign for this fall
- If there is an opportunity to lobby at the state level to keep funds for mentoring organizations
 - Kansas Mentors is going to be more pro-active this fall with the legislative session
 - Results from the Kansas Mentors survey will be used to make the case for why mentoring is important and the need to keep funding

Visioneering Updates

Aging in Place Initiative

- Lyndon attended the summit
- They had an intergenerational component
- The Visioneering Older Adult Alliance is working on this

Exposure

- Everyone is encouraged to sign-up to work the booth
- We will collect business cards for the football drawing
- Coaches challenge information will be available
- Ella will suggest the Drop-in Conference have a booth at Exposure otherwise we'll have information available at our booth

Upcoming Meetings

The alliance will start meeting every other month. **Meeting dates for 2009 are Sept 10 and Nov 5, 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber.**

Sept 10 Agenda: finalize details for Exposure event; discuss USD 259 volunteer coordinator list

Drop-ins Conference is Oct 20th at WSU.