



**Visioneering
Racial Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony Alliance
Meeting Notes – May 10, 2007**

Mission of RDOH Alliance:

"To create a culture that promotes and celebrates racial, diversity, opportunities & harmony within the Wichita MSA."

Attendees – Wichita, Kansas: Geri Watts, Sergio Gonzalez, Maria Bias, Susan Leiker, Barbara Chamberlin, Brenda Dietzman, Sue Castile, Lavonta Williams, Gail Finney, Shala Perez, Kendall Heier, Brian Black, Vera Bothner

Leadership Team: Brian Black, Doug Hye, Lavonta Williams, Deann Smith, Susan Leiker, Gail Finney, Sandra Harrison, Sue Castile

Susan Leiker opened the meeting, facilitated group introductions and outlined the purposes and end-in-mind for the meeting.

The Purpose of the RDOH Alliance meeting:

- Review and discuss Community Identity Survey Results
- Begin Strategic Planning RDOH Alliance
- Organize for "asset mapping" of community assets.

Minutes from the April 19, 2007 RDOH Alliance meeting were approved as submitted.

Theming Benchmarks & Strategies:

SHN team facilitated a process whereby alliance members were asked to revisit and review strategies outlined in the document for Racial Diversity, Opportunities and Harmony to determine where we are in relationship to benchmarks and goals, and how the alliance might work more strategically toward goal achievement. Participants brainstormed the following list of needs related to the benchmarks and strategies:

Education • Computer access	Neighborhood development
Employment/Business opportunities. • Workforce alliance	
Transportation (across all strategies)	
Access to information	Recreation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education/employment ○ Electronic "Toolbox" with information on resources (create?) ○ Access to computers 	
<p>Civic Engagement</p>	<p>Ecumenical Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further engage, strengthen, and build upon faith leader task group and utilize it as a model for how to proceed in other strategic areas.

Possible Next Steps – Strategies:

- Communication/media campaign around survey results
 - i.e. PSAs; invite media outlets to RDOH Meeting (share survey results); include minority media
- Continue defining most feasible ways that Alliance can impact benchmark survey results via partnerships and collaborations with other alliances and larger community
- Continue to work with other alliances to identify ways to work in collaborative fashion (i.e. Small Business and Entrepreneurship)
- Map resources related to strategic areas
- Identify gaps
- Outreach to youth to invite, involve and engage in discussion
- Celebrate efforts and individuals that are increasing RDOH

Presentation of 'Community Identity Survey'

Vera Bothner reported on the results of a recent 'community identity survey.' There were several slides and graphs that showed the responses to the various questions. According to Vera, the results were surprising. In summary, the vast majority of respondents reported that they liked our community but thought that others do not. These findings will be used to help craft a 'community vision' for the Wichita MSA.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2007 @ 3:30PM (Self-Help Network Building)