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Mentor Kansas Advisory Council Meeting  
Thursday, December 7, 2023

Zoom recording link:

[https://ksde.zoom.us/rec/share/dyNbu9llHx18vfxCQUVwMBbllrVaqb7c\\_D4FXGqFlzQZ9a0r3va02z4Fnh2PEsjK.DaMKqhOyEaKknXxj?startTime=1701965057000](https://ksde.zoom.us/rec/share/dyNbu9llHx18vfxCQUVwMBbllrVaqb7c_D4FXGqFlzQZ9a0r3va02z4Fnh2PEsjK.DaMKqhOyEaKknXxj?startTime=1701965057000)

In Attendance: Sophie Archuleta, Carrie Crow, Jessica Dorsey, Jennifer Haley, Donovan Karber, Tierney Kirtdoll, Sarah Nelson, Sarah Oltvedt, Amanda Otto, Meg Pearson, Tammy Potts, Elaine Rodriguez, Heather Shue

Meeting called to order by Jessica Dorsey.

Welcome & Introductions/Vision & Mission Statements

- Welcome Sarah Oltvedt, Amanda Otto, and Meg Pearson to MKAC!

Recognition of Service – Donovan Karber and Tammy Potts

- Thank you to Tammy and Donovan for providing over a decade of service!

Mentor Kansas Updates & Discussion

- 2024 mini-grants and professional development funding
  - Adding Juneteenth Day of Service
  - The Mentoring Capacity Building mini-grant will be offered to Partnership Program members. Application is available at <https://forms.gle/ZNtCe3PSwTqXF3Wf8>
  - In lieu of offering the Volunteer Manager Support mini-grant, the Commission will support professional development by offering to reimburse 50% of registration/material fees and travel expenses (excluding per diem) for individuals who live and work in Kansas.
    - National Mentoring Summit
    - Points of Light
    - Certification in Volunteer Administration



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- MENTOR Affiliate Assessment Report
  - The sections for operations and executive management were scored highly.
  - The section for data management scored the lowest.
  - Discussion re: ideas about how to build better, trusting relationships, connecting with other organizations to diversify funding streams, give opportunities to feature subgrantees, and presentation opportunities to local school boards, and utilizing Mentoring Connector and the Find a Mentoring Program databases for networking.

#### Updates from Council Members

- Basehor-Linwood Mentors and CareCats
  - December 11 is declared as Basehor-Linwood Mentors Day.
  - Tammy's retirement celebration.
- BBBS of Salina, Inc.
  - Amanda is excited to join MKAC.
  - Currently has a long list of littles needing matches.
  - Has launched two site-based programs.
- Christian Association of Youth Mentoring
  - No report.
- Council Grove Community Mentoring Program
  - No report.
- Foster Grandparent Program
  - New site was toured; new grandparents are starting soon.
- Rosedale Development Association
  - Launching adult and teen green teams.
  - Luminary hike on the trails event through Dec. 16.
- SparkWheel
  - Expansion in tribal services in Oklahoma, focusing on culture and education.
  - Expansion in early childhood and postsecondary.
- United Way of Kaw Valley
  - Review former programs and working with Topeka branch on making improvements.
- Youth Horizons
  - Hosting a Christmas carnival this weekend.
  - Tori Hope Petersen, author of *Fostered: a memoir*, was a guest speaker at a recent fundraising event.



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#### Plans for Mentor Kansas in 2024

- Legislative Day is February 12, 2024
  - Booth space will be available.
  - Service project will be held on the south lawn of the Capitol (or Harvester's if the weather is bad).
- Civic Engagement Conference is April 10, 2024
  - The conference will incorporate youth mentoring, volunteerism, and national service.
- Set MKAC meeting dates
  - March 1 – Wichita
  - June 7 – TBD
  - September 6 – TBD
  - December 6 – TBD