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## Mentor Kansas Advisory Council Meeting September 15, 2023

Home of Jim Autrey  
102 N. Mission St., Council Grove, KS 66846  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Sophie Archuleta, Jim Autrey, Carrie Crow, Jessica Dorsey, Jennifer Haley, Donovan Karber, Tierney Kirtdoll, Tammy Potts

Meeting called to order by Jessica Dorsey.

### Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome Carrie Crow to MKAC! She has been with Youth Horizons for 5 years. She has replaced Robert Garner.

### Icebreaker Activity

- What job did you want to do when you were a child?

### Mentor Kansas Updates & Discussion

- Mentor Capacity Building mini grant
  - 7 subgrantees were awarded
  - Basecamp will be used as a hub for sharing resources, events, community news and updates.
- Monthly webinar series
  - Tierney shared the webinar topics through the end of the year.
- Partnership Program
- 2024 National Mentoring Summit is Jan. 24-26 in Washington DC (Capitol Hill Day is 1/24), and registration opens 9/12.
  - Commission staff members Jessica, Tierney, Haley Matherly, and Sarah Palubinski are planning to attend the summit only.
  - MKAC members can request to have their registration fee covered by the Commission.
- Sarah attended the MENTOR Train the Trainer on How to Become a Better Mentor and Mentoring Mindset in Omaha this week. The next step for her is to create a 2024 training schedule.
- Commission reorganization



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- The commission is moving away from “silo” positions in order to encourage collaboration. Everyone will work on all programs, AmeriCorps, youth mentoring, volunteerism, and civic engagement.
- Jessica will become the main point of contact as well as lead affiliate contact for MENTOR. The main email is [mentor@ksde.org](mailto:mentor@ksde.org).
- Fall learning series and 2024 book study
  - The theme for the learning events is “Organizational Health”
    - 3 speakers in Oct. – Dec.
    - 3 book study sessions Jan. – Dec.
- Mentor Kansas Advisory Council recruitment
  - Heather Shue is replacing Tammy Potts.
  - Amanda Otto, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Salina
  - Meg Pearson has expressed interest

#### **Review the MENTOR Affiliate Assessment Report**

- Jessica provided clarification regarding the core functional area overview given in the report by MENTOR. The overview describes a down period and does not reflect the full scope of work Mentor Kansas has and will continue to do. Next year, the assessment will show a significant improvement in areas such as data management and mentoring and youth development.
- The next strategic plan review is in 2024.
- How can we create a bigger impact?
  - Host an event at the State Capitol.
  - Meet state representatives at more exclusive events.
- Due to time restraints, the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Jessica Dorsey.

Next meeting is Friday, December 8 in Wichita