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Mentor Kansas Advisory Council Meeting
June 2, 2023

Communities In Schools of Mid-America Central Office
1919 Delaware St., Lawrence, KS 66046
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Sophie Archuleta, Jim Autrey, Jessica Dorsey, Robert Garner (via Zoom), Jennifer Haley, Tierney Kirtdoll, Sarah Palubinski,

Welcome & Introductions

Review of the Mission and Vision for Mentor Kansas

Mentor Kansas Updates & Discussion

- Mentor Capacity Building mini grant
 - Sarah and Tierney have site visits with 4 of the 7 grant recipients this summer:
 - KS BBBS serving Riley Co.
 - BBBS of Salina, Inc.
 - KS BBBS serving Cowley Co. & Sumner Co.
 - Catholic Charities
- Monthly webinar series
 - 45 registered attendees in total
 - Our July presenter is Alicia Walker, CEO of HEARTS (Helping Empower Adolescents Reject Thoughts of Suicide)
 - [Kansas Volunteer Commission - YouTube](#)
- Partnership Program
 - Official relaunch is in September 2023
 - 10 of 12 applications have been reviewed and placed in the appropriate partner level.
 - Bronze - 3
 - Silver - 5
 - Gold - 2

Updates from Council Members

- Communities in Schools of Mid-America
 - Sophie is now the Sr. Director of Postsecondary, and she announced that on July 1, CIS will become [SparkWheel](#).



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- Council Grove Community Mentoring Program
 - No report.
- Foster Grandparent Program
 - No report.
- Youth Horizons
 - The girls' home was established 5 months ago and provides family integration and mentorship.
 - Working on strengthen its presence in communities of color.
 - There are currently 130 mentees, additional 30 on a waitlist.

Revisions to the MKAC guidelines document

- II. Membership
 - A. Structure
 - Include *All selections are at the discretion of the Mentor Kansas staff.*
 - C. Composition & Nominations
 - Include *representation for faith-based, school-based, community-based, and work-based.*
 - D. Meeting Schedule
 - Remove *bi-monthly individual meetings are necessary, and meetings will be at least 60-120 minutes in length.*

Review the recruitment plan document

- Tierney will create drafts of the application (Google form) and invitation message and send out for review by August 1.
- We would like to recruit new members who are located in Western and/or Southeast Kansas.
- Haley Matherly, volunteer engagement coordinator, is creating volunteer position descriptions that could be used for vetting new members.

Next meeting is Friday, September 15 in Council Grove