

Diversity Network Meeting Minutes

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1. Diversity Network Website:

Joel Shuckman with SRS NE Region will ask Heather Richardson (DPS) to continue updating the membership lists and to use People's first names. Debbie Lang (SRS) to pull list off website and will work with John Williams (DOA).

2. 3rd Annual Cultural Celebration Update:

Plans are underway for our 3rd Annual Cultural Celebration. Tentative date is May 7, 2009, State Capitol, South side. If it rains, festivities move inside on the first floor, Capitol Rotunda. The team suggested obtaining Free hot dogs and drinks to all participants. Entertainment is also being developed. We will need someone to fill the slots of Photographer and Media Relations. Contact Chairperson Debbie Lang (Debbie.Lang@srs.ks.gov) if you are interested in serving on the team.

3. Weekly e-mail Listserve (Re: Kansas Jobs)

The DN would like to see posting language, (External, Internal, Agency, and Veteran) with a brief explanation of the postings and what it means to an applicant on the weekly listserve that comes from DPS regarding State of Kansas jobs.

4. Juneteenth Celebration:

Joel Shuckman from SRS NE Region commented that their agency hosted a Juneteenth Celebration and it was well received. His thoughts were to partner with other State agencies next year.

5. Strategic Planning – Diversity Network:

Marie Ortiz (JJA) mentioned that the goals we developed from our Strategic Planning meeting with Charlie Griffin fostered new goals. She suggested that we look at those goals and that we need to re-define our Action Plan and see where we want to take the Diversity Network. She suggested that we partner with STAT (Statewide Trainer’s Team) and Recruiter’s Network teams.

6. Meeting with Kansas Health Policy Authority:

George Vega (DPS) told us of an upcoming meeting with KHPA and Cabinet Secretaries regarding removing barriers to hire people with disabilities. The meeting is set for July 23rd or July 24th. More details to follow.

7. Red Carpet Services – Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library:

George suggested that the Diversity Network should go and see what the Library offers such as the Virtual Recruitment; Red Carpet Services, how do we make Talent Scouts out of our employees? George will arrange a tour for the Network.

Due to the Tornado sirens being sounded, the Diversity Network adjourned and we were unable to finish discussions