

Futures Planning Team – Project Coordinating Team Meeting
8:00 am, March 10, 2008
Black Hawk County Courthouse, Room 204

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Facilitators LaDene Bowen, Don Chaplain and Bill Wood of the Institute for Decision Making (IDM), UNI; Waterloo Mayor Tim Hurley, Dave McCalley, Eileen Daley, Health Department; County Attorney Tom Ferguson, County IT Director Kim Veeder, County Supervisor Frank Magsamen, County Auditor Grant Veeder.

Bowen reviewed the project flow chart, which showed the next meeting as a vision session for department heads, supervisors, and Futures Team members on March 26, 2008, following by public input in April and May and a department head and Futures team meeting in May to process that input. She said vision and value statements would be sent to the Board of Supervisors in June for evaluation.

Wood reviewed the proposed agenda for the March 26 meeting. He said the articulated vision would be a snapshot view of county government in the future rather than a scenario describing the steps leading to that future. Bowen said that IDM would distill value statements from the data generated by the meeting.

The team discussed public input: the need to solicit it and the need to assure that it doesn't put the project off track. The team discussed the means of gathering input. (A combination of public forums and an online survey are the current favorites.) Magsamen said he had been unsuccessful to date in finding a Futures Team member to chair the subcommittee that will determine the ways in which input is gathered. Various names were suggested. As previously discussed, the chair, once identified, will be asked to suggest subcommittee members, in addition to Chaplain and K. Veeder.

The team discussed arrangements for the March 26 meeting, which Bowen said will be a crucial point of departure. Materials will be sent to Team members that include a draft value statement and draft vision elements.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

RECAP:

Vision Session meeting will be held March 26, 2008

Magsamen will make final arrangements for Schoitz Room at Waterloo Center for the Arts once IDM team refines ideas for preferred setup

IDM will provide an agenda for the March 26 meeting with a draft value statement and draft vision elements

Magsamen will continue search for Public Input Subcommittee chair, who will then be given latitude to select subcommittee members

Chaplain and K. Veeder will be subcommittee members