

HRCCE Information and Communication Team

9-16-09 Meeting Agenda

A. OPEN – Ken Wheeler, All Attendees

Welcome – Ken Wheeler

New Member Introductions – All first time attendees

B. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE – Todd Solomon, Betsy McBride

Mission Statements – Todd

HRCCE Mission

The mission of the Center is to support sustainable deliberative democracy in Hampton Roads and to connect public decision making with civil dialogue and the informed judgment of the region's citizens.

The Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement (HRCCE) structures and facilitates civic engagement processes that provide for the productive collaboration between the citizens and their governments.

By encouraging the inclusion of more citizens in the public choices related to their region's quality of life and future, the Center's work enhances the accountability and transparency of public agencies.

The Center is a neutral source of information to support fact-based dialogue on the thorniest of regional issues. Our work helps boost regional understanding and brings into the public dialogue voices that have long been overlooked.

I&C Team Mission – *Improve information and communication to make public decision making better for all parties and increase mutual trust.*

List of Categories – Combined List handout

C. Category Work – Ken Wheeler, All Attendees

Theme and Statement Creation – Ken, All Attendees

The Team will split into 2 groups to continue the work started at the August meeting. Each group will take a different list and work on common themes and an overarching statements for the list.

D. WRAP-UP – Ken Wheeler, All Attendees

Group Presentations - Groups will reconvene to present their work.

Homework Discussion – Before the next meeting, each group will be asked to review the other group's themes and statement for possible additions. This work will be done online and with the final versions being accepted at the October meeting.

Time Line Discussion – Todd & Betsy

The Team will set some milestones for the next several meetings. The basic overview below will be used as a guide.

We are here → Policy/Guidelines → Measurement/Evaluation → Best Practices

Policy/Guidelines – These will come from the category work being done now

Measurement/Evaluation – Suggestion from last meeting was to create score cards to take to meetings to help evaluate.

Best Practices – Engagement vs. Effort chart; Real world local examples with contact information

Handouts:

Agenda

Categories with individual responses

Contact list