

LIBRARY COMMISSION
Organizational Meeting Notes (from Flip Charts)
11.17.2006

1. Developing Together —→ Creating Our Learning Community

- Discuss/clarify how the Commission will benefit library service
- Discuss our visions of the future of Library service in Rhode Island —→ create a shared vision
- Outline an education effort:
- Research to consider
 - ABCD (Jody Kretzmann)
 - The Engaged Library
 - Better Together (Mark Moore)
 - Building Social Capital (Robert Putnam)
 - OCLC E-Scan (George Needham)

2. Background Information/Documents

- Summaries of Work Group Reports
- Chronology of key activities/work done to date
- Information about other states
- Best thinking about the future of libraries
- Current law — Review and changes necessary

- **Assumptions About Our Work**
 - Plan within context of other initiatives/developments in Rhode Island
 - Identify effective ways to bring in the voice of the people of Rhode Island
 - Surveys
 - Public Forums
 - Create a plan:
 - Vision
 - Priorities — Needs?
 - Reallocation of resources

Remain sensitive to the diverse population of Rhode Island

4. Getting Organized to Do Our Work

- Sources of staff support
- Set a meeting schedule
- Address:
 - Roles
 - Ground Rules/process agreements
- Create a time line

Determine how to work simultaneously with Executive & Legislature

5. Questions To Address

- What do the people of Rhode Island need and want from libraries?
- What outcomes do we want to see?
- How to accomplish outcomes opportunity for legislative action?
- How to make the case for what we identify is needed?
 - To Whom
 - When

How will the landscape of Rhode Island change as a result of our work? Consequences?

How are resources currently allocated and used?

Who are/can be our champions?