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Winamac: Step two of establishing a vision for Pulaski County is set to take place tonight.

After receiving a \$25,000 grant, several community organizations and leaders have embarked on a journey they hope will bring about positive change to the county.

Marita Grisel, president of the United Fund and chair of the 4community steering committee, was unable to attend the first meeting because her mother was ill. She called from the hospital and spoke over the speakerphone to welcome the 30 or more Pulaski residents.

"We have come together to achieve the goals of the citizens of Pulaski County," Grisel said. The first step was to understand the trends within Pulaski County. The second step involves drafting the vision plan.

Those in attendance at the first meeting were split up into discussion groups of five or more people. During the allotted 45 minutes, trends such as the effect globalization has on Pulaski County, education, art, culture, government and attractions, were written down.

Jim Dittoe, president of the community-outlook consulting firm, Winning Communities, has compiled the information and will bring in topics to further focus on at tonight's meeting.

The vision-setting process continues toward solidifying one or more projects the community will undertake to better Pulaski County.

Once the goals have been established, Dittoe will then draft a request for an implementation grant, which would secure the funds necessary to complete whatever projects the group decides upon.

The public is urged to attend the 6:30 p.m. meeting tonight at the Pulaski County Highway Garage at 1131 N. U.S. 35.

The following two meetings take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 29 and at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30.

Grisel said the steering committee hopes to have input from as many people as possible during the process. She anticipates that the endeavor will take four months.

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