

## **SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting**

April 18, 2008  
8:30-10:30 a.m.

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **Attendance**

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**Members Present:** Lolenzo Poe (Chair), Krista Larson, Barbara Kienle, Willie Poinsette, Maxine Thompson (alt), Lisa Turpel, Lisa Pellegrino, Peggy Samolinski (alt)

Alt = alternate member

**Also Attending:** Hector Roche, Diana Hall, Dunya Minoo, Lori Kenney

#### **Community Schools Forum**

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Peggy reported that there are 1,007 registrations as of today, of which 196 are from Oregon. Registrants are coming from as far as South Africa and England. Registration will be closed at 1,050 due to capacity. She encouraged members to sign up for the Leader's Symposium – that needs to occur separately from the overall registration. Staff is planning for potential media coverage by lining up parents, teachers and others who may be willing to speak to the media.

#### **New Multnomah Education Service District Maps**

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Maxine brought new maps to share with members, showing all schools currently operating in Multnomah County. More are available for those who would like a map.

#### **After School Food**

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Lisa P. shared that a member of the Hunger Relief Task Force approached her with a concern about barriers to providing food in after school hours. After school and summer food is provided at all SUN Community Schools currently, though not all provide a full supper after school. A suggestion was made to address this through the district liaisons to SUN and possibly at the SUN School Districts Council meeting where they convene with County and City staff. An update will be provided to the Council at our next meeting.

#### **Multnomah County Chair's Budget**

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Even with cuts of over 18 million, Chair Wheeler has confirmed his commitment to this Council and has kept the County's commitment to the SUN Service System intact.

#### **Charter**

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Members had the following input about the updated Charter and membership issues:

- Although it is difficult for youth to attend regularly, there is value in having their voices heard on the Council, as well as parents of youth being served.

- Staff reminded members about the 3/7/08 agreement to go to youth and parent System users to solicit input and hold a dialogue. Council members agreed on holding one of these events this academic year as a pilot.
- The question was posed again about the expectation outlined in the Charter that all members should contribute resources (cash or services) to the system. This is not occurring for several members and may not be appropriate for all, particularly youth.
- The Chair clarified that each represented seat on the Council has one vote. When the primary member is being represented by the alternate, then the alternate has the vote.
- There was discussion about “length of service” on the Council and how service is dependent on the designations of elected officials in some cases. Those individual seats could change based on the elected’s choice or continue past a set term. Providers and Coalition of Color members will be self-selected by the groups they represent.
- There was a question whether to designate that one of the Coalition of Color seats be affiliated with the SUN Service System. After considerable discussion, and recognition that this should be discussed with representatives from the Coalition of Color in attendance, the group agreed to leave this as it stands for now.
- The question was raised about the role of stakeholders who attend the meeting but are not at the table. The group agreed that in general, discussion and deliberation are limited to those at the table, but brief comment from the public is at the discretion of the Chair and will be invited prior to votes.
- Members voiced they miss representation from DHS and asked whether we could encourage alternate representation when Jerry Burns cannot attend.

#### *Changes Agreed Upon:*

- Add a bullet to note that youth and family input will be enhanced through annual focus group/dialogue sessions.
- For Council Seats, add the notation “PPS” for one School District and “non-PPS” for the other two.
- Any changes to Council membership should generally occur in July or thereabouts.

#### Coordinating Council Values

Members reviewed the modified values, focusing primarily on the last two dealing with cultural competency and skill building. Comments included:

- Concern that the skill building reference in the combined cultural competency value gets lost
- Concern that the statement “The diversity of our community will be reflected in populations we serve” does not adequately convey that we should be serving everyone represented in the community in some proportion to their prevalence and need.

#### *Next Steps for the Charter and Values:*

- Staff will combine the values about cultural competency and skill building.
- Staff will rework the statement in “Diversity” about those we serve representing everyone in the population.
- The new Values sheet will be sent out via email as soon as possible for input via email
- Time will be allowed for members to check in with the constituencies they serve about issues that call for broader input (including these Values).
- These changes will be reflected in the Charter that goes to the Sponsors for approval.

## Joint Ownership Vision

Diana led the group through a visioning process, asking members to suspend the usual limitations to envision what shared responsibility could look like. The process was based around the following questions:

1. If we truly achieved shared responsibility for kids in its optimal form, what would be different?
2. What would this joint ownership look like?
3. What would partners and the community say?
4. What would the media say? What would the headlines be?

After the visioning process, input was grouped into categories, with members providing ideas for the category headers (in bold):

<b>Universal access</b> <b>Access for everyone</b> <b>Convenient access</b> <b>Available services</b> <b>Easily accessible</b> <b>Focus is on SUN kids</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A child with problems could go anywhere, to anyone</li> <li>• Comprehensive services for <u>every</u> student</li> <li>• Kids needing service would be served regardless of where they live in the county</li> <li>• Kids really are central to this system</li> <li>• It would be seamless to the public</li> <li>• We understand what we're doing and why</li> <li>• No headlines because no bad news</li> <li>• There would be a focus on assets</li> </ul>		<b>Shared financial decision-making and commitment</b> <b>Money isn't an issue</b> <b>More collaborative and efficient use of resources</b> <b>SUN money</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected leaders and school superintendents could meet annually to discuss their budget proposals as they will affect the system</li> <li>• We wouldn't have to fight or defend for \$\$</li> <li>• Shared payrolls</li> <li>• Pooling financial resources and distributing where needed</li> <li>• More efficient use of resources</li> <li>• Common policies, budget, MIS</li> </ul>
<b>Partners influencing each other</b> <b>Mutual influence</b> <b>Honest commitment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key stakeholders would have open dialogue about resources</li> <li>• Policies and procedures would open up</li> <li>• Honesty if something is not working</li> </ul>	<b>Sharing information and data to support decision-making (no barriers to sharing)</b> <b>Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All partners would allow access other partners' data</li> <li>• Outcomes tracked on a community-wide basis so we could all understand the impact</li> </ul>	<b>Recognition Use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance board</li> <li>• There would be <b>no</b> turf issues</li> <li>• We would be able to give ownership to whoever needs it at the time</li> </ul>
<b>Model for true collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multnomah County would be a model of collaboration</li> <li>• "They understand collaboration"</li> <li>• The City and the County would merge</li> </ul>	<b>Greater good</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Politics wouldn't matter</li> <li>• Politics takes a back seat to kids</li> </ul>	<b>Headlines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All is fine</li> <li>• SUN for all</li> <li>• It's SUNNY in Multnomah County</li> <li>• This is the only way it should be</li> <li>• I love it</li> </ul>

### *Next Steps:*

- *Consider and talk with the groups you represent about the commitments that would be needed at both the Sponsor and Council levels to achieve this vision of shared responsibility.*

### **Communication/Take Aways**

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- Continue to have internal conversations with the constituents you represent about Joint Ownership and commitments at the Council and Sponsor levels necessary for an optimal shared responsibility to SUN kids.
- There was a request for additional clarity about the Council's work plan, so members could be thinking about who might be the best representative on the Council in the coming year.
- A request will be made to DHS for an additional time to give input into the DHS budget, given that meeting has been set for April 30<sup>th</sup>, which conflicts with the Forum.
- Chair Poe announced that Chair Wheeler is still trying to set a date for the Sponsor meeting
- **Upcoming meetings: May 16, June 6**
- Agenda items for 5/16 meeting:
  - DHS/SUN Partnership update
  - Work plan check in
  - Discussion of commitments needed to achieve joint ownership/shared responsibility

### **Next Meeting**

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**Friday, May 16, 2008**  
**8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**Multnomah Building, Room 305**  
**501 SE Hawthorne**