**SUN Allocation Formula Subcommittee Meeting**
**Meeting Notes**
August 3, 2007
Multnomah Building, Room 625

Attendees: Lisa Pellegrino (chair), Owen Dailey, Fritz Hirsch, Nicole Croft, Krista Larson, Lorena Campbell,, Mary Richardson, Lee Cha, Diana Hall, Susan Stoltenberg, Nancy Culver, Frances Hall, Bill Scott, John Kelly (note taker).

Schedule of Future Meetings

Friday, August 24, 2007          8:30 - 10:30

Review of proposals

More information is needed from the Core Services Subcommittee about what services are being provided and what the funding levels are for those services. Lisa will contact that committee to get what information they have available.

It was noted that it is difficult to fund a single site from multiple sources (per one proposal).

Prior meeting notes should have indicated "The county wants to continue allocating 30% of SUN system funding to culturally specific *services*" rather than "providers" as was written.

The Coalition of Communities of Color is considering allocation for Culturally Specific SUN funds. Lisa will contact them regarding their status.

Presentation by Mary Li from the Anti-Poverty Service Providers Group

Mary Li summarized input this subcommittee requested from a group of anti-poverty service providers convened by the county. The subcommittee chair provided the anti-poverty service providers with a summary of the subcommittee's work to date and requested that they provide input on an allocation formula for anti-poverty services.

The anti-poverty service providers gave input on the general allocation principles that the subcommittee has articulated thus far. The group was generally supportive of the allocation principles with a few suggested tweaks and some clarifying questions. The group did not provide any input on a formula for allocating anti-poverty resources but suggested that the subcommittee should recommend a single allocation formula for all services in the SUN system. The group did not suggest what such a formula should look like but provided a list of possible factors the subcommittee should "take into account" in developing such a formula.

The subcommittee discussed the fact that anti-poverty resources are currently allocated based on census data. The group began a preliminary discussion on whether this was the best possible data to base resource allocation on, and whether using free and reduced lunch rates (for an unspecified geography) would provide a better proxy because the information is updated

annually.  Some committee members argued that FRL rates will not adequately reflect the geographic location of individuals and families without school-age children who are living in poverty and who are eligible to receive certain anti-poverty programs.  Diana Hall noted that the county had done some preliminary work on comparing poverty rates using census data versus free and reduced price lunch program data.  She agreed to look into what data was available currently and bring it back to the subcommittee.  The subcommittee agreed that it would need to digest the input provided by the anti-poverty providers and continue this discussion at the next meeting.

School-based formula

The subcommittee briefly considered the allocation options raised at the previous meeting for school-based programs.  There was general agreement on recommending a formula that would shift resources to different locations for some funders, and reduced funding at some existing sites for other funders.  The group agreed to fully discuss the options at its next meeting because time ran out.