

SUN Service System Coordinating Council

June 1, 2007
8:30-10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Chuck Dimond, Krista Larson, Lee Po Cha (alt), Lorenzo T. Poe, Lisa Turpel, Lisa Pellegrino, Marina Rulevskaya, Dunya Minoo (alt), Joanne Fuller, Bill Scott

Also Attending: John Richmond, Hector Roche, May Cha, Diana Hall, Peggy Samolinski, Polly Burton, Mary Krogh, Nancy Culver, Mary Li

alt = alternate representative for Council member

Budget Update

Lorenzo Poe gave an update about the County budget process. Several amendments to the Chair's Executive Budget have been introduced. These amendments include restoration of funding for school-based health clinics, mental health services in schools, and \$1.1 million to fund Touchstone. The \$1.1 million is made up of the following funding streams: \$500,000 in contingency funds that were set aside for a redesign of school-based case management services, \$300,000 in one-time County general funds, and \$350,000 in funds committed by various Multnomah County school districts. This would fund 11 full-time Touchstone Case Managers that would provide services at 11 school sites. The restored funding and re-organization is meant to act as a bridge towards the Coordinating Council's charge from Chair Wheeler to consider this in the context of the Coordinating Council's work. Joanne Fuller will bring the Department of County Human Services' (DCHS) proposal for re-organization of Touchstone during the bridge year to the next Coordinating Council meeting.

The budget amendments are not final until the Board of County Commissioners has voted on them. The final budget will be adopted on June 7, 2007.

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Search Letter Update

Bill Scott revised the letter from the Coordinating Council to the Portland Public Schools (PPS) Superintendent Search Committee. This letter expressed the Council's desire for the Committee to incorporate into their criteria a requirement for candidates to have skills and experience with collaborative work between schools and the community. Bill presented the letter at a PPS community forum. There were four board members present who responded positively to it, mentioned that they hadn't focused on this particular area and would consider it.

The PPS Board would like to hire a superintendent in time for the 2007-08 school year. Lorenzo Poe suggested that if there is a community process for candidate selection, the Coordinating Council might want to consider participating.

Vision Review

A synthesis of the vision discussion from the previous meeting was distributed and reviewed. This can be found on the website at www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc. This is a working document meant to guide the Coordinating Council's work and how they consistently articulate the vision. The following feedback was gathered from members:

- There was clarification and agreement that the statement, "The system is comprised of multiple streams of funding and resources," more clearly states that there is an expectation of committed resources from partners, both aligned and pool resources.
- A suggestion was made to edit one of the discussion points to say, "We build incrementally based on need and take advantage of the strengths and opportunities in communities as we build our services."
- Another suggestion was made to revise the discussion point "Every neighborhood in Multnomah County has an easily accessible way for children and families to connect with the services that they need" so that it captures cultural as well as geographic diversity.

May Cha will revise the document based on the feedback and bring to the next Council meeting.

Workgroups

The regular Coordinating Council meetings occurring on the first Fridays of the month will now be used as a time for the two workgroups to meet. The expectation is that everyone on the Council is a member of one of the workgroups in order to provide the most efficient linkage between the workgroups and Coordinating Council. The chairs of the workgroups also need to be a Council member.

Peggy Samolinski emphasized that the purpose of the workgroups is to arrive at recommendations that would be presented to the Coordinating Council for their input and approval by the end of September.

Chuck Dimond had identified someone from DHS who may be able to provide staffing support to the workgroups. Lisa Turpel, Lisa Pellegrino, and Dunya Minoo said someone from their office might be able to do the same.

The Core Services Workgroup and Allocation Methodology Workgroup held their initial planning sessions separately and came back together to report out on the outcomes of these sessions. The planning worksheets from the workgroups are included as attachments to these meeting notes and can also be found on the website.

Next Meeting

Members should be prepared to discuss the topic of joint ownership at the next Coordinating Council meeting on June 15. How do we create a jointly owned system that involves mutual contribution to the system?

Upcoming Meetings

Allocation Methodology Workgroup

Tuesday, June 12, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Multnomah Building, **Room 625** (501 SE Hawthorne)

Coordinating Council

Friday, June 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Multnomah Building, **Room 315** (501 SE Hawthorne)

Core Services Workgroup

Friday, June 15, 11-2 p.m.

Multnomah Building, **Room 315** (501 SE Hawthorne)