

SUN Service System Coordinating Council

November 9, 2007

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Marina Rulevskaya, Lisa Pellegrino, Dunya Minoo (alt), Barbara Kienle, Krista Larson, Lisa Turpel, Maxine Thompson (alt), Joanne Fuller, Lorenzo Poe (Chair), Ted Wheeler

alt = alternate member

Also Attending: Hector Roche, May Cha, Diana Hall, Peggy Samolinski, Peggy Norman, Andrea Watson, Jim Schlachter, Chocka Guiden, Mary Li, Marty Blank

Start Ups and Intro

The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the Core Services and Allocation Methodology recommendations and, through a consensus decision-making process, make final decisions about them. On December 7th, Chair Wheeler will be hosting a meeting with the Coordinating Council and sponsors/funders to discuss the final recommendations, strategies for moving them forward, and issues of joint ownership.

Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler acknowledged the Coordinating Council for the work they've been doing, emphasizing his support of it.

Marty Blank, Director of the Coalition for Community Schools, addressed the Coordinating Council. He stressed the powerful partnerships in Portland in building successful community schools and hopes that the National Forum hosted by the SUN collaborative partners in Portland (April 30-May 2, 2008) will deepen the work that's already happening here.

Target Population

Members reviewed a document that laid out some options for the SUN Service System target population. The options included:

1. School age children and their families (K-12)
2. Pre-K through school age and their families
3. Birth through school age and their families.

The three options were discussed, and the following consensus decision was reached:

The primary target population of the SUN Service System is school-age children and their families (K-12) with the long-term vision of expanding this to include early childhood services and programs. The early childhood system is considered a key stakeholder and efforts will be made immediately to begin engaging them as such in a *coordinated* (as defined by the Core Services workgroup) manner.

Core Services Recommendations

The [Core Services recommendations and foundational materials](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc) can be found online at www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc.

The Coordinating Council reached consensus to approve the outcomes, partnership definitions, and core services as identified by the Core Services Workgroup and laid out in the recommendations. Approval was contingent on the following revisions:

- As a result of the target population decision, early childhood services will be moved from the *core services* list to the *coordinated* list.
- A sentence should be added to the recommendations noting that the core services may be considered school-based, school-linked, or a combination of both.

Allocation Methodology Recommendations

The [Allocation Methodology recommendations and supplemental materials](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc) can be found online at www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc.

Barb Kienle, Coordinating Council representative for east county school districts, shared that she was unable to speak on behalf of those districts during this discussion because the east county superintendents are scheduled to meet on November 28 to discuss the Allocation Methodology recommendations. The Council hesitated to make final decisions about these recommendations without the input of these key stakeholders. However, members continued with their discussion of the recommendations to establish what level of consensus currently exists within the group.

Consensus was reached to approve the following recommendations:

- Allocation Principles
- School-based Services Definitions (with revision to the definition of school-based services)
- School-based Services Recommendation #1, #2, #3 (approved contingent on intentional conversations between the City, County and school districts related to implementation of recommendation #3)
- School-linked Services: Anti-Poverty Services (with revision that “100% of the remaining funds are allocated to serve families in poverty with related children”)
- School-linked Services: Social and Support Services for Educational Success (with revision that projection data will be gathered for ages 6-18 to reflect census age breakdowns)

Consensus was reached to remove School-linked Services: Parent Child Development Services from the recommendations based on the target population decision. This section, however, will be passed on to relevant decision-makers dealing with this service.

It was also recommended that text be added to the end of the recommendations stating that the workgroup did not discuss allocation of countywide services such as Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs and Sexual Minority Youth services/programs.

**** The Coordinating Council chose to set an additional meeting on November 30 from 2:30-4 p.m. (Multnomah Building, Room 112) to discuss and finalize the School-based Services recommendations #4-6. These recommendations go into greater detail, and it was important to have the voices of all members represented in the discussion. ****

Minimums/Threshold & Case Management

Diana Hall reported that a small group met earlier that week to work on identifying the minimum level of services for each of the core services. This was a task requested by the Coordinating Council at their previous meeting. Due to the tight timeframe, this work is still in progress, and the following update was given:

- The core services were identified as school-based, school-linked, or both.
- Some minimum levels were identified for most of the school-based services
- The group reviewed and discussed some options for the structure of case management services. Case Management was initially identified as a school-based service but moved to a school-linked model as the group discussed the minimum level of service for this.
- The definition of school-based and school-linked services needs to be clarified. A service that is designated school-linked does not mean that it doesn't involve or serve schools. Definitions for school-based and school-linked services exist in the SUN Service System currently.

Another meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Multnomah Building, Room 315 to finalize this minimums/threshold work. This will then be brought to the Coordinating Council meeting on November 30 for discussion and decision. Coordinating Council members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the meeting on November 16. If a member is unable to make it, feedback can be given about this work to Diana Hall at Diana.c.hall@co.multnomah.or.us.

Next Meeting

**Friday, November 30, 2007
2:30-4 p.m.
Multnomah Building, Room 112
501 SE Hawthorne**