

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

January 4, 2008
8:30-10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Marina Rulevskaya, Willie Poinsette, Barbara Kienle, Lisa Turpel, Lee Cha, Joanne Fuller, Lisa Pellegrino, Maxine Thompson (alt), Susan Stoltenberg (alt),

alt= alternate member

Also Attending: May Cha, Diana Hall, Hector Roche, Lori Kenney, Mary Richardson, Judy Strand

Start Ups

Lorenzo Poe was unable to attend this meeting; Joanne Fuller chaired the meeting in his absence. Due to this, the Charter discussion on the agenda was postponed.

Diana Hall announced that May Cha has recently started working as a Program Development Specialist for School & Community Partnerships and will no longer be helping to staff the Coordinating Council. Lori Kenney will be coming on board to fill this role. Lori's contact information is below:

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Recommendations Wrap-up

Members debriefed the December 7th Funders Meeting:

- Joanne Fuller and Lisa Pellegrino represented the Council extraordinarily well.
- The meeting was very positive, and all who attended were well informed and engaged.
- All superintendents were present and had a voice. All jurisdictions were represented.
- A sense of ownership is developing. There is an interest in continuing dialogue around joint ownership.
- There was honest discussion about contributions and taxpayer obligations. The need to balance this with equitable distribution is very difficult.
- There is still a sense of inequitable distribution of resources and a desire that allocations be based on need. All superintendents were in agreement about equitability.
- The Council lacks representation/participation from other cities. There needs to be more intentional dialogues to engage the east county cities.
- The process this year has felt much more transparent.

What's happened since the December 7th Funders Meeting?

- Meetings have been scheduled with school districts impacted by the Allocation recommendation to relocate or reduce funding for lower poverty SUN Community School

sites. As recommended, Funders will use these meetings to discuss the options before making a decision.

- The Department of County Human Services (DCHS) SUN Service System RFP is underway and the Council recommendations are being incorporated into the revised program model and allocations.
- DCHS is recalculating the poverty index with the most current data, as recommended.
- The Board of County Commissioners will receive a quick briefing on the Council's work and recommendations on Tuesday, January 8 with a more in depth briefing to be scheduled at a later date.

Outstanding Questions/Issues

Members discussed the outstanding questions and issues that came out of the Funders Meeting and recommended next steps for addressing them:

- **What is the financial model that describes the expected partner contribution?**

Next Steps:

- A document listing partner contributions will be updated. Information will include how much each partner is contributing and where it is being spent (geographically). It will also include service numbers and outputs.
- A recommendation was made to include in-kind contributions on this chart. Another member suggested that this information be on a separate chart.
- Once completed, this information should be sent to the Funders as a follow up to the meeting.
- DCHS Council staff will put this financial model document together for the next Coordinating Council meeting.

- **Recalculate the poverty index with the 2007-08 data**

Next Steps:

- DCHS staff is currently working on this

- **What are the implications/obligations in terms of supporting sites whose 21CCLC funding will be expiring?**

Next Steps:

- What are the recommendations for current 21CCLC sites whose funding will be expiring soon? Lisa Pellegrino will forward a list of 21CCLC SUN CS sites with their funding timeline to members. The Coordinating Council will discuss and arrive at recommendations for this at their January 25th meeting. The discussion will begin with what was initially recommended in the Allocation recommendations. Outcomes from this meeting should be included with the follow up information to Funders.
- What are the recommendations regarding pursuit of future 21CCLC grants for funding of SUN Community School sites? Joanne Fuller will lead a one-time work session in February to discuss this. This work session will provide the opportunity to invite more stakeholders, particularly potential 21CCLC applicants, to participate in this discussion. Members should send Lori Kenney <lori.kenneyl@co.multnomah.or.us> names of people who should be invited.

- **How do we address the gaps in minimum levels of core services?**

- Diana Hall distributed updated documents that outline the minimum level of services, current services, and gaps for the SUN Service System core services. These documents, "Minimum Core Service Levels and Gaps – 1/4/08" are available online at www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc.
- There was discussion about whether and how to engage Funders in helping address specific gaps, and possibly getting other groups such as faith communities involved.

Next Steps:

- Diana Hall will lead another meeting to prioritize the gaps and bring this back to the Council.
- This document will be sent to the Funders as part of the follow-up to the December 7th meeting.

- **Commitment of all partners to increasing system resources (joint ownership)**

Next Steps:

- This work is ongoing.
- The Council will re-visit the timeline at their next meeting.
- The Council will have further discussions to define joint ownership.

- **How do we continue to keep the Funders engaged?**

Next Steps:

- Follow-up to the December 7th meeting with written communication.
- Schedule Funders meeting on a quarterly basis to bring everyone together.

- **Do we need to brief any other groups about the Coordinating Council recommendations?**

Next Steps:

- A packet of information will be put together for easy distribution. It will include SUN Service System evaluation outcomes, financial model, Coordinating Council recommendations.
- Contact Diana Hall if you have any other suggestions for briefings.

- **Conversations with other cities**

DCHS Budget Update

Joanne Fuller gave a budget process update:

- Multnomah County is expecting an ongoing shortfall of \$20 million over the next couple years. This shortfall will be spread over these two years with an expected cut of \$10 million each year.
- There is \$35 million in one-time funding available. The Board of County Commissioners will be discussing how to spend this money.
- Chair Wheeler has asked departments to give him constraint budgets. DCHS has been asked to develop a budget that cuts \$1.3-1.5 million.
 - The goal is to preserve the SUN Service System.
 - DCHS has limited options for where to cut funding due to the specific nature of various funding that comes through the department.
 - Touchstone will continue to be delivered via County employees. Funding for the current level of services includes contribution from districts. Chair Wheeler will likely have conversations with districts to discuss future funding for this service to maintain the current level of services.
 - There may be budget proposals for reconstituting juvenile diversion services through the SUN Service System regional service centers.
 - Parent Child Development Services will continue to be included in the SUN Service System RFP until a decision is made about where those services need to be in the County system.

Next Meeting

Friday, January 25, 2008

8:30-10:30 a.m.

**Multnomah Building, Room 402B
501 SE Hawthorne**