

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

October 3, 2014  
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **Attendance**

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**Members Present:** Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Lorenzo Poe (Co-Chair), Kara Carmosimo, Lee Po Cha, Gerald Deloney, Rene Duboise, James Hiu, Rick Nitti, Lisa Pellegrino, Pat Ryan, Peggy Samolinski, Zeke Smith

**Also Attending:** Amy Corbett, Diana Hall, Lisa Kulkarni, Mary Li, Gabe Grafe, Jean DeMasters

#### **Introductions/Updates/Announcements**

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Lorenzo Poe welcomed members and led a review of the agenda.

#### **Anti-Poverty Service Planning**

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Mary Li from Multnomah County's Department of County Human Services used a handout to update the Council on the current planning process for anti-poverty services that are part of the SUN Service System. The handout represents the current thinking from a recent meeting rather than a finished product. The planning process gathered a broad range for stakeholders for three half-day meetings.

Several significant system changes are being proposed. The overall planning goal is to move to a focus on stability, and eventually prosperity, rather than emergency services. This proposal, the Multnomah Stability Initiative, is in alignment with initiatives from other systems like the Oregon Department of Human Services. Currently, most anti-poverty funding is for emergency services.

Racial and economic justice remain the underpinnings of the anti-poverty work. Assertive engagement has replaced the case management model. Staff will help families access available services that are in line with the path forward that they have set for themselves. Additionally some funding will go into supports like community-supported financing. The proposed investment ratio is 24 Assertive Engagement staff serving 960 households annually. About \$700 in flexible funds would be available per household.

These are the service's target populations:

- Income eligible (150% Federal Poverty Level)
- Families with children
- Seniors and persons with disabilities
- Community – important to build this
- Families who are disproportionately represented in poverty

The measures, data points and other metrics have yet to be developed.

The following discussion points were raised:

- Name people of color in the target population
- Parks and Recreation requests income eligibility determination for its participants
- The scope of the planning process was County controlled anti-poverty funds. Does the County have a special role in the overall anti-poverty system in the community?
- Proposal seeks new investments; this is not about taking money out of emergency services
- Proposed number served is a still a small fraction of those eligible

## City of Portland Bureau of Transportation Project

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Gabe Graff from the City's Bureau of Transportation updated the Council on a proposed new safety and maintenance proposal and its associated user fee with a Power Point presentation (embedded below). The City Council will be discussing the proposal at an October 23 work session and making a decision November 12. Now is the time for interested parties to provide input. Local funding for transportation has been declining due to lower gas taxes. A new user fee is needed for both maintenance and safety improvements (the funding split is still to be determined). The Safe Routes to School program will benefit. The user fee is for both residents and businesses (including governmental agencies) that operate in Portland. Non-profits will pay half of the business rate.

Gabe presented an example of a crossing improvement to illustrate some of the benefits of the proposed work. He distributed a large table of specific proposed projects (embedded below).



OurStreets Safety  
Slides



our streets Safe  
Routes allocations

### Discussion:

- The low-income fee exemption is not low enough
- Safe Routes to School program improves sidewalks and crossings that benefit all pedestrians
- Equity is an important consideration in this conversation and proposal
- Should the Council endorse this with a letter of support?

SUN Co-chairs and staff will poll Council members to see if they want to formally support the new proposal.

## SUN Request for Proposal

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Peggy Samolinski used the handout (embedded below) to provide an update, next steps, and timeline on the SUN Request for Proposal process. She noted that most of the handout content is not new. SUN staff have several conversations scheduled in regards to culturally responsive and culturally specific services.



Program Model Key  
Issue Areas Update

In November, the Council will be asked to provide input on RFP outputs and outcomes. A draft document will be vetted in January.

## Long Term Model Development

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Bill noted that the Long Term Model development team is starting to hone in on a draft recommendation to the Sponsors at their November 7 meeting. Council members are invited to the two final team meetings, October 7 and October 22.

The team is examining both which layered services make the most difference as well as the best ways to deliver services. Diana used a Power Point presentation (embedded below) to provide an update on long term model development.



Long Term Model  
Development Update

Here are the sources of input to the model development process:

- ▶ Review of SUN Sites that are “working”
- ▶ Input Sessions
  - SUN Community School Providers
  - School/District Representatives
  - Communities Supporting Youth Demonstration Site Attendance Teams (principals, counselors, SUN, DHS, Attendance Case Workers)
- ▶ Synthesis of Community Input (using existing sources)
- ▶ Literature Review
- ▶ Key Stakeholder Outreach
  - Joanne Fuller, *Director, Multnomah County Health Dept.*
  - Eileen Argentina, Doug Brenner, Josh Green, *Portland Parks*

These services were identified in the top ten in all input sessions as making the most difference:

- Housing
- Basic Needs
- Case Management/Advocacy
- Targeted Academic Support (also all 8 SUN Sites reviewed were strong here)
- Mental Health

*Notes on Other Services*

- Athletics/Sports
- Family Case Management
- Attendance
- Discipline/Behavior Interventions
- Translation/Interpretation

Community input is being synthesized from existing sources. We are finishing up a literature and best practice review.

Two key stakeholder meetings have been held:

1. Eileen Argentina expressed Portland Parks desire to bring more sports/recreation to SUN Community Schools. The current Parks coordination effort will benefit SUN.
2. Joanne Fuller from the Multnomah County Health Department noted several possible areas for better alignment of health and mental health services with SUN.

These discussion points were made:

- The request for more basic needs services relates to Mary Li’s proposal for additional investment in anti-poverty services
- Attendance was a strong theme in input sessions but was not seen as a separate service
- Funding sources for targeted academic interventions in the schools cited include 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants, State improvement funds and Title I dollars. We need to tease out the quantity and best practices around targeted academics

These are the next steps in the Long Term Model Development process:

- Youth program provider input session
- Stakeholder meetings
- Discuss core funding level with SUN CS Providers at Supervisors Meeting
- Complete synthesis of community input sources
- Model Development Team Meetings – 10/7 and 10/22

Diana distributed a handout of a High School depth recommendation that was created several years ago as an example of a recommendation on minimum depth of service

Bill Scott noted that the Communities Supporting Youth work is highlighting the need for staffing attendance work.

### **November 7 Sponsors Meeting**

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Bill stated his hope that the November 7 meeting results in the Sponsor's coalescing around an idea to move forward in SY15-16 that can then become the basis of a proposal. We also want to be prepared to recommend additional SUN schools. Bill asked Council members to think about preparing their Sponsor for the meeting. SUN staff will be available to meet with Sponsors in the week preceding the Friday meeting.

### **Rescheduled Council Meeting, November 14**

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The Council's next meeting is November 14 (note date change from November 7).

### **NEXT STEPS**

***SUN staff will check with Council members individually about the need to brief Sponsors in advance of their November 7 meeting.***