

SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

May 2, 2014
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Lorenzo Poe (Co-Chair), Gerald Deloney, Rene Duboise, KaRin Johnson, Susan Myers, Linda Ridings, Kathy Keim-Robinson, Rick Nitti, Pat Ryan, Matthew Robinson, Zeke Smith, Emerald Walker

Also Attending: Matthew Bartolotti, Greg Belisle, Colin McCormack, Dwight Holton, Rachel Spigal, Nabil Zaghloul, Diana Hall, Lisa Kulkarni, Peggy Samolinski, Josh Wells

Introductions/Updates/Announcements

Bill Scott welcomed everyone. Susan Myers announced that she is relocating to Florida to care for her parents. She introduced KaRin Johnson, the new Deputy Director for County Human Services, as the new SUN Council representative for the Department of County Human Services. KaRin has worked at the county for twenty-two years and knows the community. Susan described the SUN collaborative as one of the best she's been involved in. Bill thanked Susan for her support of SUN.

Emerald Walker announced that Brian Detman has accepted a position with the Department of Community Justice. The Chair's office will continue to support SUN through the election and subsequent transition to a new Chair. Bill expressed his gratitude for Chair Madrigal's leadership on SUN.

Pat Ryan announced that she will be absent from the June meeting due to a medical procedure.

Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative

- The Collaborative is continuing its forward progress
- The demonstration sites have implemented all three parts of the model
- A subgroup led by Oregon Mentors is focusing on academic mindset. This group of youth service providers is working on shared measures of quality and professional development
- The partnership with the Department of Human Services is moving forward
- The Chair's proposed budget includes some new funding for attendance workers. The implementation is being planned

Hedy Chang Visit

On May 28, SUN will host a visit from Hedy Chang, a national expert on chronic absence. Her visit will begin with a presentation at the SUN Community Schools End of Year Work session to SUN district liaisons, principals and site managers. She will have a lunch session with the Communities Supporting Youth demonstrations sites and then spend the afternoon with Early Learning Multnomah (ELM) stakeholders. Ms. Chang will visit Portland again in November; initial plans include an opportunity for the SUN Council to hear her speak and a meeting with All Hands Raised stakeholders. SUN Council members are invited to attend the morning presentation on the 28th if interested; staff will forward time and location information.

Allocation Review Update

Peggy Samolinski provided this update on the allocation workgroup:

- The May 2nd meeting data review included data on the children in alternative and magnet schools as requested by the workgroup
- The Department of Human Resources data was not available in time for the May 2 meeting, but this did not negatively impact the analysis
- The May meeting focused on reconfiguring the current regions; there is a consensus that the current configuration needs to change
- At the May 30 meeting, staff will present revised scenarios for the workgroup to consider
- The Council will be asked to provide input on a workgroup proposal at its June meeting

These discussion points followed Peggy's presentation:

- Demographics shifts have been dramatic; some schools are seeing a radical change in the make-up of the student body. We are behind in adjusting SUN programming to this new reality
- It is important to build flexibility into the new seven-year SUN contracts so that we can respond to additional demographic shifts
- The Theory of Change is influencing the allocation workgroup. Race is being factored in to the decision-making
- Peggy clarified that for high schools that had separate small schools in the past, the high school's subsections are added together into a single school-wide student count.
- Rene Duboise asked for more information on the DHS data request

Proposal Status

Bill Scott noted that both the Mayor and Chair's executive budgets are out. Our working assumption is that there is strong support for the SUN package from the school boards and the County Commissioners. He reported on meetings with City Commissioners Saltzman and Novick. Comm. Saltzman is a solid supporter. Comm. Novick supports SUN, but expressed concern about the permanent funding aspect of the proposal for new sites. Emerald Walker reported that Comm. Fritz seems to be in support. Lorenzo Poe spoke with Comm. Fish; he will support SUN. Matthew Robinson will keep Council co-chairs informed about probable City Council votes. We need to keep up the advocacy until the votes are cast.

There was strong show of support for SUN at the April 22 City budget hearing; sixteen people talked about SUN.

The Portland Children's Levy decision-making process is underway. The proposal to expand SUN is contingent on getting funding for five SUN schools from the Children's Levy (eight SUN proposals were submitted).

Gerald Deloney, while favoring the SUN Community School expansion, noted that the proposal does not address the need for a deeper service array ("SUN plus") at SUN sites.

Diana noted that three SUN sites operated by Portland Parks and Recreation that currently are funded through Parks Levy money through FY15 are being included by the City in the budget this year. This ensures that funding for those sites is also permanent in future years.

National Conference Report Out

Several Council members attended the national Coalition for Community Schools conference in April. They shared these highlights:

- We are a frontrunner in the development of community schools
- Equity was the focal point of the conference; there was an atmosphere of zeal, almost like a religious gathering
- There were several inspiring speakers

- Attendees working in Community Action were a strong presence
- IRCO's site managers attended; it would be good to get more front line staff to conferences like this

Preparation for Sponsor Meeting - Long-Term System Funding Model Development Process

Bill Scott announced that the focus of the June Sponsor's meeting will be answering the question: "Where do we go from here?" The SUN expansion proposal will hopefully have just passed; it will be a good time to channel the momentum toward planning for long-term expansion.

A few Council members have agreed to meet to plan the agenda and discussion for the Sponsor's meeting. This meeting is scheduled for Friday May 23 from 10:30 -12:30 in room 635 of the Multnomah Building. All Council members are welcome to participate.

In preparation for the June meeting, we will spend some time today identifying the issues that need to be addressed in the course of developing a long-term development process. Questions that will need to be answered will include:

- How do we grow/expand the system?
- What are the highest priorities for additional programs/services?
- Which services most need alignment?

Council members broke into two discussion groups. The groups were asked to discuss what subject matter should be considered in the development of the model, and who needs to be part of the planning group. At the end of the discussion, each group briefly characterized their discussion. Peggy reported her group landed on three major points: minimum level of service, deeper/wrap-around services, and the idea for a SUN conference to evaluate what's working. Bill added that this group also voiced the need for a vision and road map. Diana reported her group's points included describing minimum services, priorities for layering (additional services/programs), and additional partners to engage.

NEXT STEPS

- ***SUN Council members keep communicating with elected officials in support of the FY2015 SUN Funding Proposal, especially with Portland City Council members***
- ***Council members will consider who from their organization to involve in the long-term system development process***
- ***Council members will add the July 11 Council meeting to their calendars***

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

Next Coordinating Council Meeting:

Friday, June 6, 2014
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Multnomah Building, 112
501 SE Hawthorne, 1st floor

Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative

Friday, May 16, 2014
8:00 am Newcomer orientation
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Marshall High School B39/41

Future Coordinating Council Meetings*:

(*All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise)

Friday July 11, Room 112
Friday August 1, Room 112
Friday September 5, Room 112

Every School a SUN CS Workgroup

Group is on hiatus pending sponsor conversations about sustainability and expansion