

## SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

March 3, 2017  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### MEETING NOTES

#### Attendance

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**Members Present:** Kim Melton (Co-chair), Patricia Rojas (Co-chair), Tou Cha, Ebony Clarke, Nathan Howard, Barbara Kienle, Julia Meier, Dunya Minoo, Lisa Rau, Frances Sallah, Durelle Singleton, Zeke Smith, Judy Strand, Nate Waas Shull, Joy Wallace

**Also Attending:** Ronnie Cano, Sophorn Cheang, Pam Corrie, Diana Hall, Dion Jordan, Gina Kim-Folston, Lisa Kulkarni, Paul Lumley, Antonio Ramirez Sobiria, Walter Rodriguez, Neisha Saxena, Jessica Schmidt, Curtis Scott, Dana Spears Talbert

#### Welcome & Introductions

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Dion Jordan introduced himself as the facilitator of the meeting. Kim Melton introduced herself as Council co-chair and extended a welcome from Chair Kafoury. She noted that the value of SUN lies both with its services and its partnerships. A recent example of this is the way the SUN partnerships helped get emergency housing assistance quickly to families this winter. She hopes to develop a strong new Council structure together over the next six months. Patricia Rojas introduced herself as Council co-chair. Her hope is that the Council can be intentional, flexible, and responsive.

Members introduced themselves and shared their hopes for the Council. Photos of the hopes are embedded below.



Council Hopes 1



Council Hopes 2

Dion Jordan reviewed the desired outcomes for the meeting and the agenda. The desired results are:

- Shared understanding of the role of the SUN Service System Coordinating Council
- Clarity on next steps around developing a data snapshot
- Feedback on topics for the Council to discuss, including priorities for the next meeting
- Deeper understanding of issues facing immigrants and refugees and potential options for coordinated action and/or Youth and Family Services Division support

#### Coordinating Council: Role and Membership

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Kim Melton referred to the handout, *SUN Council Purpose, Roles and Structure* (embedded below). Membership, roles and structures are different in this new Council. Membership changes include a reduction in government seats, an increase in seats for community representatives, and having a provider as a co-chair. The Council structure also includes a Data and Results Subcommittee and youth advisory structure. The *Theory of Change* (embedded below) was a driving force for changes to this Council. The Council structure and membership are considered a work in progress.

The *SUN Service System Leadership* handout (embedded below) shows the roles of the Coordinating Council and SUN Sponsors Group and their relationship to each other. Sponsors maintain the shared commitment to SUN and make decisions about policy and funding.



SUN Council  
Purpose, Roles & Stru



SUN Theory of  
Change



SUN Leadership  
graphic

## Using Data: Snapshot Development

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An important component of this new Council is a commitment to using data regularly to understand success, as well as identify areas for deeper analysis and continuous improvement efforts. The new Council Data & Evaluation subcommittee that supports this Council met for this first time. The first action of the subcommittee is to create a recommendation for a data “snapshot” for the Council.

## System Overview & Identification of Topics for Council Discussion

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Diana Hall used a Power Point presentation (embedded below) to provide a brief overview of the SUN Service System.



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Presentation

Kim Melton reviewed a set of initial system topics that have emerged in the last 6 months:

### Sponsor Priorities for Next Two Years

- Mental Health
- Attendance/Chronic Absence
- School-Based Health Clinics & County health services

### Other Topics That Have Surfaced

- Youth and community engagement
- Core SUN Community School services and cost
- High School SUN Community School design
- Early Learning
- Supporting Children and Families in Current Climate (today)

Members paired up to consider the priorities and what other topics should be added, and then shared with the group. These comments ensued:

### Reflections on the List

- List makes sense- mental health at crux of many issues
- Mental health – how to integrate policy with pragmatic/community level
- Be thoughtful about how talk about what we mean (what do we mean by “climate”)
- Hear culturally specific mental health & chronic absence as priorities from members (Coalition)
- What do we mean when we say “mental health”? (+pursue data re: needs)

### Additional Ideas for Topics

- Better defining culturally responsive
- Financial support also critical and how to fit all together (\$ with social supports)
- Immigration challenges
- How do we fund this? Economic/Resource plan
- Disproportionate discipline
- Homeless Youth
- Current climate & how affects all of this
- Housing is missing
- Economic empowerment & access (+ how threaded throughout)
- Youth leadership & empowerment

#### Other Comments

- How to move forward in current climate and \$\$
- List is programmatic vs. systematic
- Building capacity in SUN CS staff around being system change/conveners (system change at the building level)
- More info is needed on what bullets mean, language is ambiguous
- Haven't heard systematic way to measure support to families

#### **Supporting Children & Families in the Current Climate**

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We want to take time today to discuss the current climate created by the rapid changes through executive orders at the federal level. Council members were asked; what are you seeing/experiencing? What are you doing? What do you need? How can we have a community response? Kim Melton shared that Neisha Saxena is here today from the County Youth & Family Services Division to let you know about a related information gathering effort and listen to the conversation to help the County understand what is happening and how the County can be supportive.

These discussion points ensued:

#### What Members are hearing/experiencing

- Questions about what staff should do if ICE officers come
- Sadness that we can't provide safety
- Increase in hate crimes overall
- Questions about how to support families- prepare; to prevent children going into foster care
- People are not going to school, work, not leaving homes out of fear
- Acute trauma- for staff as well as participants

#### Needs

- Clarity re: school district expectations/and alignment with partners (meeting at PPS, 3/7 12:30)
- Share info re what is happening
- Clear communication between schools and partners about what to do if asked for info/access by ICE
- Clearinghouse of what's happening (to ensure folks know what's actually happening). The ACLU is helping set up a process to check facts (w. partners). City/Co. meeting today
- For SUN CS, there is a structural issue – need to identify back up in hours when school staff are gone
- How to be thoughtful re who talks with students and families re how to respond
- Align protocols
- Having folks children and families already know and trust get certified as emergency foster families
- DHS staff training (+resources)
- CBOs coming up with plan (coming)
- Info on what happens with data in systems
- Organize and communicate re: resources
- Work with schools to align

#### Resources

- ACLU app
- Staff and community "Know your Rights" workshops/info
- CAUSA, El Programa Hispano, have calendars with workshops
- Having folks become emergency certified through DHS (teachers, SUN folks, etc)

Multnomah County is working on several levels; supporting front-line staff and also working with District Attorney to request safe site designation for libraries and health clinics. Neisha Saxena noted that she is gathering agency and partner perspectives to inform the County's response.

### **Next Steps**

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- Staff will compile the input from this meeting.
- Staff will refine language on action areas and identify a method for prioritization of work areas in advance of the May meeting.

### **Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:**

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#### **Next Coordinating Council Meeting:**

Friday, May 5, 2017

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

MESD Auditorium

11611 NE Ainsworth Circle

Portland 97220

**Future Council Meetings:** July 7,  
September 8, November 3, 9:00 – 11:00  
am , MESD Auditorium