

SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

May 5, 2017
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Kim Melton (Co-chair), Patricia Rojas (Co-chair), Seraphie Allen, Eileen Argentina, Tou Cha, Ebony Clarke, Angel Gutierrez, Tony Hopson, Barbara Kienle, Lisa Rau, Carmen Rubio, Frances Sallah, Zeke Smith, Joy Wallace

Also Attending: Ronnie Cano, Sophorn Cheang, Diana Hall, Hillary Houck, Dion Jordan, Lisa Kulkarni, April Olson, Peggy Samolinski, Jessica Schmidt, Curtis Scott, Durelle Singleton

Welcome & Introductions

Dion Jordan introduced himself as the facilitator of the meeting. Members introduced themselves. Kim Melton noted that before continuing last meeting's discussion of Council priorities, it seemed wise to take a step back to make sure we are all grounded in the SUN Service system fundamentals first. Today's agenda includes engaging around SUN's *Theory of Change*.

Getting Grounded in SUN's Theory of Change and Council Role

Peggy Samolinski reminded members that the *Theory of Change*, adopted in January 2014, is a core document and was the basis of changes we made to the system model and allocation methodology in the recent RFP (embedded below), as well as changes to the role and composition of this council.



SUN Theory of
Change

Members reviewed the *Theory of Change* individually and then paired up for a short discussion. Members shared reflections on what stands out and why it's important (see embedded chart pack transcription).



TOC Discussion
Chart Pack Transcript

Recap of the First Meeting

Patricia Rojas noted that three topic areas surfaced at the last meeting: system alignment, core program areas, and emergent issues. The council has not yet had a chance to look at how we work together as a group to identify priority areas. She proposed a half-day retreat for the Council to get to know each other and build the base that will help us work together effectively. Members voiced support for the idea of a retreat. Several Council members stated they would not be available on July 7, the next scheduled Council meeting.

FY18 Budgets: Updates and Implications

These budget updates were provided by members:

- Gresham-Barlow School District needs to make \$2-3 million reduction. SUN Community Schools are held harmless
- Reynolds School District is planning a large reduction, \$6-7 million
- Centennial will maintain the status quo
- David Douglas' is not expecting significant cuts. SUN investments are held harmless
- PPS faces an \$18 million reduction, cutting teachers and central service, SUN held harmless

- Oregon DHS is facing an 8-10% overall reduction. Child welfare will take a 15% reduction; self-sufficiency will face less dramatic reductions. The State hiring freeze will not affect DHS' ability to provide essential services
- City of Portland Parks needed to make a 2% reduction. A fee increase is planned to fill the gap. No changes to SUN
- Early Learning Multnomah faces dramatic reductions, up to 20% for the hubs
- The proposed Multnomah County budget has cuts to substance abuse prevention and attendance work. The State SUN Youth Advocacy grant will be reduced
- The Multnomah County Health Department is cutting the health clinic at Grant High School. A new pilot providing culturally specific mental health advisors to schools is included in the proposed budget

Patricia Rojas noted that the DHS cuts will harm SUN families and asked if SUN should advocate against them. A discussion ensued and these points were made:

- Is there precedent for this? Is this our role? Previous advocacy has been to SUN partners about our shared commitment to the system contributions and efforts
- We need SUN Sponsor approval
- What would we be asking the Governor to do specifically?
- Specific groups will be more impacted by the cuts; Latinos and African Americans
- Members would need to get approval from their leadership to sign an advocacy letter
- Could the City of Portland and Multnomah County be able to sign on?
- DHS Council member cannot sign
- We could call out what undergirds the success of the system
- A letter with specificity would be more effective

SUN staff will look into creating a draft advocacy letter. Staff requested that Council members let them know if they determine that they will not be able to sign when they take the idea back to their organization, as the letter would need to come from the Council as a whole.

Immigration Executive Orders

This is an update to last meeting's discussion on agency needs to respond to immigration executive orders.

- [Mult. Co Global](#) is a central clearing house including links to other sites. YFS staff did a scan of resources and worked with the Multco Global folks to get any missing ones incorporated. Council members and partners were encouraged to send any resources they have to SUN staff to get them posted
- Multnomah County is supporting additional immigration legal services; this includes clinics and appointments at community provider sites
- YFS SUN has been working with providers to align their protocols and school protocols and creating joint training for school-based non-profit staff
- The Chair's office has been working with State DHS to understand the emergency certification process. SUN will organize a meeting for folks who want to talk more about planning around emergency certification
- The immigration executive orders topic will be included on future Council meeting agendas

Data and Evaluation Framework and Current Outcomes

Peggy Samolinski reminded members of our intent that the Council use data more regularly in its system oversight role. We convened a Data & Evaluation subcommittee to help with this, and are in the process of fleshing out the group's role and responsibilities.

Jessica Schmidt introduced herself as a YFS evaluator. She stated that our aim today is to provide the Council with a framework on evaluation and review SUN System outcomes for 2015-16. She used the Power Point presentation embedded below.



SUN May 5 PPoint
Presentation

Jessica reviewed a diagram of an evaluation model and how program monitoring, research & evaluation and Council decision-making are part of the model. She used Power Point slides to describe the current process and upcoming efforts. The data snapshot we're developing will be used for internal evaluation. SUN will start the process of refining outcomes and linking them to impact with its SUN Youth Advocacy services.

The SUN Service System Theory of Change outcome graphic and a 2015-16 SUN Service System outcome handout were distributed and reviewed. (See embedded below).



SUN FY1516 results
highlights



SUN Theory of
Change with Outcom

Council members provided this feedback:

- Does the evaluation include talking to providers?
- Does SUN currently track mental health referrals? [Answer: Not currently. We will consider adding mental health pieces to data collection]
- Would like to see disaggregation of the non-white category by race/ethnicity
- If the majority of student is White, why are they not participating at the same rate?
- Would like to compare the numbers we are serving with the numbers we could serve (who need these supports)
- What is causing non-White students to perform better than White?
- Will the data have a focus on the intersectionality of issues?
- SUN recognizes the need for more frequent data than annual outcomes
- It will be interesting to see the results of the RFP allocation change in future data and results

Next Steps

- Staff will pursue the possibility of drafting an advocacy letter on proposed State cutbacks
- SUN staff will set up a meeting for those who would like to plan around emergency foster certification by DHS
- Staff will work on organizing a half-day summer Council retreat