

SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

March 2, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members and Alternates Present: Kim Melton (Co-chair), Patricia Rojas (Co-chair), Seraphie Allen, Eileen Argentina, Frank Caropelo, Lee Po Cha, Tou Cha, Dani Ledezma, Dunya Minoo, Alejandro Qeral, Lisa Rau, Nate Waas Shull, Joy Wallace

Also Attending: Ronnie Cano, Janice Cole, Diana Hall, Frances Hall, Peggy Samolinski, Armin Tolentino, Tia Williams

Welcome & Relationship Building Activity



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Patricia welcomed the members and alternates and reviewed the desired outcomes of the meeting.

In table groups, members shared:

- What hobby or pastime would you pursue, or do more of, if time and money weren't an obstacle?
 - One table group really wants to travel more.

Updates: Sponsors Meeting & FY19 Budgets

Kim updated members on the SUN Sponsors meeting on 1/12. All six superintendents, Mayor Wheeler, Chair Kafoury and Commissioner Fritz were in attendance. During that meeting, the Sponsors:

- Shared the financial picture for their organizations for FY19
- Reaffirmed their commitment to each other and the SUN Service System. Superintendents talked about the value of the SUN partnership in their districts.
- Discussed the continued issues around behavior and mental health needs in the early grades.
- Shared their desire to meet as a group more than once a year.

County staff shared details of a K-2 mental health case management pilot that the county began in FY18 in response to a request from superintendents last year about support need for students in the early grades and their families.

- 3 FTEs spread across the six districts
- Each district has a number of slots allotted to them. There are 90 slots across the County.
- Working closely with district student services staff to route referrals from schools and collaborate on implementation
- The 3 FTEs provide case management and not mental health treatment. Housing is coming up as a common issue for families served

Budget updates:

- PPS is making deep budget cuts.
- DHS Child Welfare is considering increasing FTE.

Action Area Check in

Community Engagement

Armin updated members on Council efforts to collect info on existing engagement structures from partner agencies and systems. Armin handed out brief questionnaire on broader engagement for attendees to complete for their organizations. SUN staff are in the process of collecting this information from SUN partner organizations that do not sit on the council.

The following members are interested in reviewing existing structures and mapping out a plan to incorporate voice into the Council Work: Patricia, Frank, Lee, and representative from Parks and Rec (possibly Curtis Scott).

Messaging and Outreach

Diana updated Members on status of outreach visits.

Visit Completed

Superintendent Perera – went well and Perera wants to know what the Council needs from her. Briefing to the County Board on 3/13 – county staff shared information about the investments the county makes that support schools/educational success. This included both student and family supports through the SUN Service System, along with mental health and health services.

Visit Scheduled

Superintendent Richardson – 3/21

Scheduling Underway

Superintendent Guerrero
City Commissioner Eudaly
Mayor Wheeler
Chief Outlaw
County Commissioners

Emergent/Urgent Issues

Kim recapped context from last year regarding SUN's response to immigration executive orders and the general turbulence experienced by many communities in Multnomah County. There was great coordination for information, protocols, a consistent response, and emergency funding. Today want to check in to make sure folks are aware of where to find resources and hear updates from members.

MultCo Global has a number of resources that are kept up to date. A few key links were shared:

ICE/Deportation: <https://multco.us/global/deportation-know-your-rights>

Immigrant and refugee legal help: <https://multco.us/global/immigrant-and-refugee-legal-help>

Peer info for youth: <https://multco.us/global/news/youth-lead-immigration-legal-workshop-peers>

Patricia shared that agencies are keeping in touch with each other to assess needs and fill gaps. Members shared the following observations:

- ICE is focusing more on Cambodian and Vietnamese populations recently
- Though the federal number of immigrants might be reduced, the numbers may increase in Oregon
- The number of unaccompanied minors may surge
- Staff at agencies have to address trauma/anxiety before they can do case management
- Case managers can't be expected to do legal service navigation
- Need ways to address the culture of the legal system

- Staff are being asked to be guardians of children or the go-to person if anything should go wrong for parents, thus creating incredible pressure and boundary issues for staff
- This is creating a high level of stress for staff and agencies are concerned about resulting turnover

Seraphie updated members on the [City Council Meeting](#) on 3/1 in which the task force on sanctuary status shared recommendations to the City. The recommendations included:

- Create a universal legal defense fund
- Create an immigrant support office
- Elected officials as liaisons for state and federal

Concerns were raised at the meeting about resources in a budget tightening year. Seraphie will share additional updates and answer questions for folks as we move forward.

Kim introduced a second emergent issue around youth experience of safety and belonging. There is new information coming out from council member organizations on this topic and including bullying and school climate. Joy shared info on the upcoming Oregon Safe Schools and Communities report. This will be the 6th report released and will have info on youth suicide rates, trans guidelines, sex education, and persistent unsafe conditions for LGBTQ youth informed by the Healthier Teen Survey.

Alejandro shared that data from SF2020 from the Reynolds evaluation work and the broader partnership will be available soon. This data is anticipated include possible ways to replicate findings and an inventory of what makes culturally specific organizations successful, along with information on student experiences.

Lee wondered if the council is the right place for a conversation on gun violence and how the SUN partners can work together on this issue.

Council Co-Chair Structure Input



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Kim shared that due to her transition to the role of Chief of Staff for Chair Kafoury, she will need to step out of the role of SUN council co-chair. The Chair's office is committed to have a representative on the council moving forward, but don't presume that person would need to be co-chair. This transition offers an opportunity for the council to consider what structure for co-chairs best supports the system and creates an opening for a new co-chair. Members discussed the benefits and challenges of three options for shared leadership. The three options posed for input were through co-chairs representing:-

- 1) Multnomah County and Non-County Council member organization (school district, non-profit, state, other)
- 2) SUN sponsor organization (city, county, school district) and non-sponsor Council member organization (non-profit, state, other)
- 3) Two council member organizations (county, school district, non-profit, city, state, other)

Members reflected on the possible structures and discussed the following points:

- Option 2 seems to be a good hybrid of the extremes of Option 1 and Option 3.
- MultCo has been the managing partner since the beginning and acts as the primary funder, which can be a strength and weakness for the system.
- How do you build commitment with sponsors? How do we get all sponsor organizations involved? Does one of these options do that better than others?
- Option 2 still allows MultCo to be a chair

- Have appreciated the transparency with the Multnomah County's chair representative serving in role of co-chair
- The importance of a sponsor as a co-chair is to engage all the sponsors and acknowledge the shared investment
- Co-chair's personality needs to be such that they can push the group

General agreement was to move forward with option 2 as we look to fill the vacant co-chair role. Since Patricia represents a non-Sponsor organization, the council is looking for a sponsor organization representative for the role. School district, city and county members were asked to consider whether they would be willing to act as co-chair and let SUN staff or one of the co-chairs know. The hope is to have a new co-chair in place before the May meeting.

SUN FY17 Results: What is the Story We Want to Tell?

In small groups, Members discussed the story they want to tell regarding FY17 results:

During the whole group debrief, Members identified the following points:

- Core values
- Shared investment
- Collective impact venture, wide variety of services
- The word "Uniting" in SUN. What are "uniting?" Funding and Programming unite us.

Evaluation: SUN Youth Advocacy Visual Model

Ronnie Cano shared results from the Performance Management System process with SUN Youth Advocacy including the visual model for SYA and initial findings. After one more review by the advocates the final model will be available to share, but staff need to figure out logistically how to share such a physically large document. The next step is to conduct a literature review and connect outcomes with indicators. Ultimately, this effort will allow us to confirm and adjust our outcomes measures to best capture the impact of SYA.

Next Steps and Closing

Patricia reminded Members:

- Let Armin or Diana know if you're interested in participating in outreach visits
- Complete questionnaire on broader engagement
- Folks representing sponsor organizations consider whether you would be willing to act as co-chair