

SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

June 7, 2013
8:30 – 10:30 am

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Joanne Fuller, James Hiu, Lisa Pellegrino, Kathy Keim-Robinson, Pat Ryan, Gerald Deloney, Susan Myers, Nate Waas Shull, Rick Nitti, Eileen Argentina, Lee Po Cha, John Richmond, Linda Ridings

Also Attending: Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Mary Richardson, Nabil Zaghloul, Greg Belisle, Marcia Mulvey, Rachel Spigal, Lori Kenney

Alt = alternate member

Updates/Announcements

Mary Richardson Retirement Bill thanked Mary for her many contributions and steadfast commitment to SUN for so many years, presenting her with a commissioned art piece, created by a Buckman student. Members echoed that they are hoping to continue benefitting from her insights and experience as she transitions to being a volunteer. Eileen said Mary's departure is significant because of how involved she has been with Parks at many levels and because she has been a wonderful change advocate for the City. We wish you the best, Mary, and hope to see you at our tables as a volunteer!

Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative

Peggy reported that with the districts driving the decision, six demonstration sites spanning elementary, middle and high schools, have been selected for deeper work with the community on re-engagement and attendance. All six sites are SUN Community Schools, with three overlapping with deeper work being done by the Ready for Kindergarten collaborative as well. Considerations for site selection included levels of absenteeism, ranking on the Equity Index, priority or focus school, SUN Community School site, and whether the school was willing to participate in the deeper work. Districts each ranked up to three top choices, and after feedback from the collaborative planning team, districts settled on their final choice. Those sites are:

- Oliver Elementary in Centennial
- David Douglas High School in David Douglas
- Highland Elementary in Gresham-Barlow
- Shaver Elementary in Parkrose
- George Middle in PPS
- Glenfair Elementary in Reynolds

Bill noted that the Lead Agency was not considered as an additional factor and five of the schools have MFS and one Neighborhood House. A greater variation in Lead Agencies might have given us additional factors to consider with overall outcomes. Gerald said SEI has a lot of focus on attendance and they have already begun talking with MFS about how to collaborate on deeper involvement with populations that have been pushed out of the school system at their sites.

Peggy said the collaborative would like to conduct a process evaluation of those six sites and we need resources of approximately \$10-15,000 to do so. Joanne said that PSU has an agreement with the County as part of Urban Renewal to engage in research that benefits the County.

Nate said he spent some time shadowing Kennan Ginsburg at David Douglas and was impressed by how many hands are involved in distilling and applying best practices. Attendance has been improved at

every grade on a district-wide basis in David Douglas. With other districts making a similar commitment, Nate believes it is very realistic that the dial can be moved on attendance.

Multnomah Youth Commissioners will be conducting focus groups with disengaged youth to better understand youth challenges with regard to attendance and engagement.

Bill credited Peggy and Diana for all their work in helping move the agenda of the collaborative forward.

Next Steps:

- Peggy will check into the possibility of having PSU conduct a process evaluation of the six demonstration sites as part of their research agreement with the County.

Budgets

Parks Eileen said that with the agreement between the Mayor and the Chair, SUN CS services will remain intact at all Parks sites for the next two years. The pass-through funding is partial and for one year only and was backfilled from another source. Funding for the David Douglas SUN CS site is for one year. The City is expecting economic conditions to improve in the future.

County Susan reported that the budget is out and the SUN Service System and the senior centers remain funded. There is additional one-time money for housing and homeless services. Most of the uncertainty now lies with State and Federal funding streams, including funding of the Early Learning Hub and the impacts of sequestration. Some community action and utility funding in the President's agenda is also uncertain.

Peggy said the County is contributing funding to match district funds and create a SUN CS at Lincoln Park in David Douglas, the highest poverty school on the Equity Index that does not yet have a SUN site. The Board has also funded one-time only monies for a one year evaluation and study on the impact of SUN Community Schools. Joanne said they are still waiting on State funding for Parent Child Development Services and Social and Support Services for Educational Success. The Board has set aside \$1 million to potentially cover those needs plus other sequestration related needs.

The agreement about funding between the Mayor and the Chair is for one year only. There is general sentiment that it is important for the City to stay involved with SUN because they are an important partner and it brings great strength to the System to have the two governments working together.

Peggy reported that SUN is hiring for two new positions – a program specialist for SUN Community Schools and a new data analyst. Because of turnover, they will actually need two new data analysts. The data position is open and competitive.

Gresham-Barlow James said they are applying for a 21st Century Grant for additional STEM and after school services. Budget reductions will have a less favorable impact on the district.

Parkrose Kathy said they just passed their budget and had to cut nine staff and will have nine furlough days next year.

PPS is very appreciative of the County and City resolving the budget issues. Greg reported that they will be adopting their budget on June 17th. PPS has shifted some of the SUN grant funding to the General Fund, leading to a bigger commitment for the district. They have applied for some 21st Century funding to deepen services.

Centennial has applied for 21st Century funding for SUN CS sites at Lynchview and Centennial High School.

Bill shared that Chair Cogen has requested that districts work with the County and the Board prior to making decisions to submit grant requests because of the historical expectation that the County pick up the funding as the grant funding declines and expires. 21st Century Grants are for five years, with declining funding.

Levy Lisa said the Children's Levy passed, with the new levy taking effect in June of 2014. The Levy will be coming to the SUN Council again for input before funding those new grants. All current grants will be funded at the same level for the coming year.

Arts Levy and Oregon Community Foundation Bill said the passage of the arts levy will support additional in and out of school programs, including the Rosa Parks El Sistema Music Program. In addition, the Oregon Community Foundation has a new opportunity that requires joint application from schools and non-profits to benefit at risk youth.

Sponsor's Meeting

Bill reported that the Sponsor's meeting was well attended and went well. Both of our new sponsors, Keith Thomajan and Dan Ryan were invited; Keith was unable to attend because of another commitment so Zeke gave input on Keith's behalf.

At the meeting, Lolenzo gave an overview of the SUN Council and system outcomes and achievements. Bill reported on the progression of funding over the past 13 years and described our current work. The Mayor said it is clear that SUN is about "managing success." He acknowledged there is uncertainty about funding from the City. Commissioner Fritz proactively advocated for Every School a SUN Community School and offered to be part of a group to discuss funding. Erinn Kelley-Siel from the State Department of Human Services sees Multnomah County as a place to innovate and plans to learn more about the collaborative and SUN this fall.

SUN Council members reflected on the meeting and Joanne noted that it was very effective for the superintendents to talk about the importance of SUN to academic success. Eileen reinforced the power of hearing from superintendents and encouraged more Sponsor meetings. There is interest in having Sponsors involved in developing a shared equity definition that would have a funding approach. John said that there are two new funding initiatives for the Department of Human services – Differential Response and Senate Bill 964, which will address coordination and alignment of funding for community partners that provide direct services. Pat encouraged attention to the provision of life skills for parents with disabilities. Bill noted that since we have the Sponsor's attention now about SUN funding, we should move forward with conversations.

Next Steps:

- *Bill would like to develop a plan to move conversations forward about a rational funding model and bring it to the July SUN Council meeting for discussion.*

SUN RFP Plan

Here Comes the SUN Cafe Peggy announced that Council members should have received a "save the date" notice for a Here Comes the SUN Cafe, a launch of the new RFP, to be held on Tuesday morning, July 9th, in the Kaiser Town Hall meeting facility. In addition to Council members, other invitees are the SUN Districts Council, SUN supervisors and other partners. The meeting will use the world café format to address the structured process for the new RFP. For more information, contact Peggy Samolinski at peggy.l.samolinski@multco.us.

Allocation Workgroup Update

Lisa reported that the Allocation Workgroup has postponed their work for three months to allow Equity and Empowerment conversations to happen first. Those discussions will inform the allocation work.

Equity and Empowerment Lens Team Diana said the Equity and Empowerment Lens team will be prioritizing several areas when they meet again in July. These areas are either foundational or important to the process of system design. Those four areas are:

- Allocation
- System structure
- Definition of culturally specific
- Mechanics of application and design of that process (to ensure it is not a barrier to some organizations)

As part of the Team and RFP development, SUN staff are looking at developing a more clearly articulated theory of change for the system.

Nate said he has been part of conversations about Theory of Change and invited all to attend the noon meeting today to discuss what the outcome of a Theory of Change might be in connection with a 7-year RFP. The open meeting will be low key and no decisions will be made. Bill noted that he was optimistic that All Hands Raised could add value to focusing on outcomes and to help us define what we are working toward and whether the work is designed to deliver the desired outcomes.

Organizations for Outreach/Alignment Diana referenced a list of organizations for outreach and selection criteria created by the Council at the April meeting and asked members to break into two groups to prioritize outreach efforts for the next year. Members agreed that outreach with United Way, Oregon Department of Human Services, All Hands Raised and Early Learning are already in process and integral to the conversations we'll be having. In addition, we will be developing a work plan to address funding with the City of Portland. Nate clarified that All Hands Raised shouldn't be regarded as the corporate strategy arm for the Council. Council members broke into two groups to discuss what priorities are for other outreach at this time. One group said the list is already a full plate. The second group suggested that we also address better integration with County mental health and health as a long term goal and also with State Coordinated Care Organizations, particularly with regard to what is happening in schools. Bill suggested that Susan might have a scoping conversation with mental health to understand what might be discussed.

Next Steps:

- *Staff will develop a plan for the next year for the sequencing of outreach efforts and bring to the July 12th meeting.*
- *Susan will have a scoping conversation with Mental Health to understand content and timing for alignment.*

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

Next Coordinating Council Meeting:

Friday, July 12, 2013
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Multnomah Building, Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne

Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative

June 21, 8:30 – 10:30 am
8:00 am newcomer orientation
Marshall High School Library
3905 SE 92nd Avenue, Portland 97266

Future Coordinating Council Meetings*:

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

Friday, August 2, Room 112
Friday, September 6, Room 112
Friday, October 4, Room 112

Every School a SUN CS Workgroup

Friday, June 28, 2013
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Multnomah Building, Room 635