# SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

February 1, 2013

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

# MEETING NOTES

## Attendance

**Members Present:** Joanne Fuller (Co-Chair), Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Lolenzo Poe, James Hiu, Lisa Pellegrino, John Richmond, Pat Ryan, Gerald Deloney, Nate Waas Shull, Lee Po Cha, Eileen Argentina, Susan Myers, Zeke Smith

**Also Attending:** Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Mary Richardson, Linda Castillo, Nabil Zaghloul, Jean DeMaster, Brooke Chilton Timmons, Tara Bowen Biggs, Bob Lewicki, Rolando Cruz, Frances Hall, Lori Kenney

Alt = alternate member

## Updates/Announcements

* Council Leadership Joanne announced that she will be stepping down as Co-Chair as Chair Cogen has asked her to take a lead on the Sellwood Bridge project. She will stay on as a member of the Council, filling the seat for the Chair’s Office. Lolenzo has graciously agreed to take on the role of Co-Chair.
* New Council Seat Joanne said that United Way organizations across the country are investing in and supporting community school efforts. We have long wanted our local United Way to be more involved in SUN. While the SUN Coordinating Council bylaws say the Chair appoints seats at the table, Joanne asked for agreement to add a seat for United Way. All were in agreement and Joanne invited Zeke Smith to the table, with the understanding that the Chair would send a letter to Keith Thomajan asking him for a formal appointment to the seat.
* Charter Update Peggy noted that the Charter has not been updated to reflect the addition of several seats to the Council. We will bring it to a meeting in the near future to address changes, including the addition of the Mission and Vision.
* Mission & Vision Peggy announced that the revised Mission and Vision will now be our working Mission and Vision. They will be revisited again as needed and will be included on all Council agendas so we get familiar with them. They are as follows:

**Vision:** A community that effectively engages and supports all children and families so they are healthy, educated and prosperous.

**Mission:** Collaborate to create an efficient system of supports that provides equitable opportunities for every child and family to thrive.

* Every School a SUN Community School Workgroup Diana reported that the workgroup discussed what support will be needed in the coming weeks for SUN in the City budget. The earlier work by site managers indicated that one third of SUN’s activities are recreation, which is a mission match for Parks. A new one-pager on SUN that speaks to the services delivered through the system, how it aligns and leverages resources and how it supports our shared priorities was sent out last weekend. If folks need printed copies of the one-pager or other SUN materials, please let Diana know.
* Sponsor’s Meeting Joanne said that the Chair has agreed to a Sponsor’s Meeting at the end of February to talk about our combined investment in SUN and to address the very challenging budgets ahead. All sponsors will be invited to that meeting once it is set.

## SUN RFP Plan

Peggy discussed how we will be working on several pieces of the new RFP. Lisa Pellegrino has graciously agreed to Co-Chair an Allocation Workgroup with Susan Myers. They will meet in the next couple of weeks to lay out a plan and will bring that information to the March meeting.

Beginning in April, Peggy will be convening a group to discuss the structure of the SUN Service System. As we work toward a universal system, we want to open the conversation about how best to make that expansion. The intention is to invite a slightly larger group, though not as large as the Think Tanks that were held a year or so ago. Joanne said this would be a way for folks to weigh in about what should be different and to help frame the questions that need to be asked. Are we spending resources to our best advantage to move toward our goal? She also asked members to think about how to structure the system so it’s more flexible for bringing in new partners. We will want to determine how to bring people into the system even though they are not a funded partner but can become part of our data system and overall structure. Members had several comments:

* Gerald emphasized that alignment should happen with services rather than simply administration.
* Nate asked to see the articulated set of goals. Peggy said the goals are listed in a logic model that was developed early in the Council’s history and offered that Lori would send that out to the Council.
* Given there are several new members on the Council, it might be helpful to bring some foundational orientation that includes goals and other information.
* Pat raised a concern that the City was not intending to pay for youth bus passes. Joanne shared that we are hearing about many proposed cuts, and this gives us the opportunity to weigh in as system partners.
* Eileen asked about the policy foundation for SUN. Lori will distribute the School Age Policy Framework to the Council.
* If there are reductions that impact SUN, we will need the SUN Council to help determine how to execute the reduction.

Part of the new RFP will include reviewing existing programs that are delivered through the SUN Service System to determine who is being served, if it is the right target population and what kind of impact it is having. We want to revisit and understand why we are buying what we buy. Peggy gave a slide presentation (attached) on the Early Childhood aspect of the system, which included three components directly managed by the County (there are many more that are aligned): Parent Child Development Services (PCDS), Linkages and Kindergarten Counts. There are no eligibility requirements for PCDS currently. After the slide show, there was discussion about the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program. Research says the longer the participation in the PAT program, the better the outcomes. It validates conducting home visits as early as possible to catch problems early. These home visits result in better outcomes than group meetings. Lee noted that one big difference between PCDS and Healthy Start is that PCDS goes out to families in their homes, into their comfort zone, rather than bringing them to us. Joanne credited Peggy for a tremendous amount of work in this area that has brought good results. Peggy gave kudos to May Cha for her work.

Nate said that the Ready for Kindergarten collaborative is working on building a culture of early Kindergarten registration with many creative ideas that involve the larger community such as notices in utility bills and in pediatric offices. Since there is currently no central way to find out what school your child should attend, 211 is going to help with this.

Zeke noted that he had not previously recognized many of the services Peggy described as SUN services. He asked if there are other early childhood services in the County portfolio and, if so, why aren’t they included in SUN. Peggy indicated that there are other early childhood services in the County said this will be a good question to consider.

*Next Steps:*

* Staff will send the goals and School-Aged Policy Framework Resolution to the Council.

## SUN Equity Index

## Diana briefed members on the group that has been discussing whether to recommend adding race and ethnicity in the poverty index. That group, which included some Council members, members of the Coalition of Communities of Color, Anne Curry Stevens, John Tapogna and Pat Burk, is recommending that we do add race to the index for FY 13/14 since having both race and poverty are a better predictor of outcome and how youth will fare.

## They are not suggesting addition of any achievement gap measures at this time because that data does not assist in prioritizing expansion in the way that best meets our goal. Reliable and consistent data is not currently available on the achievement gap. Some schools receive grants for a year or two that impacts outcomes temporarily. There are schools that are beating the odds but we don’t want to inadvertently give a penalty for beating the odds to schools that are finding ways to address issues. We want to prioritize schools with the greatest need. The new index will be used as the basis for expansion decisions and also for site selection for deep outreach work in the Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative. This new index shows there are 15 schools in Tiers 1 and 2 of the Index that do not have SUN.

## Diana gave a slide presentation (attached) that detailed the workgroup’s process and recommendation. Their data for race and ethnicity focused on non-white students. It was noted that Slavic students are not included in this data from districts as they are included in the White category. We will continue to work with MESD and others to find a readily available source of that data. Bill noted that the Index will help with setting priorities; however, in practice we do not make decisions soley based on the Index but also weigh other factors. The combined race/poverty index will now be called the Equity Index

## *Decision:*

* Council members agreed to use the new Equity Index to guide our decision making. Diana distributed the new Index to members.

## Budgets and Political Transitions

Bill asked if there was any new news about budgets.

PPS Lolenzo said there has been a slight improvement in the projected deficit from $22.5 million to $16.9 million. There is strong support for SUN in the district.

County Susan said the 1% reduction is not being done across the board. There is strong support for SUN.

DHS John reported that the revenue forecast is slightly better than predicted and they don’t anticipate any additional cuts to programs.

Parks Eileen said the Parks Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) has just concluded three difficult meetings and will be sending a proposed budget to the Mayor on Monday. Mike Abbate and Commissioner Fish are recommending some reductions of SUN in the budget.

Bill reflected that though the districts are in deep trouble, they are committed to protect SUN. Some of the districts may want to open a conversation about adding sites. The City is facing big challenges, with three things at stake for SUN: eleven sites, the pass-through funding and funding for the David Douglas High School SUN site. Our focus should be on helping the City understand how SUN can meet Parks’ mission and reach their priority populations and how SUN is efficient in reaching those populations and delivering services. The City will be facing the choice of whether to protect police versus other programs. Lolenzo encouraged emphasizing the partnership and the collective benefits of that critical three way funding partnership of the City, County and the districts. The initial SUN partnership began with the City. Because the City has already cut core services, the Mayor is asking for a redefinition of their core services. The Mayor will take all the bureaus under his direction for three months and the new budget will be released in April. Now is the time for conversations with the Mayor.

Diana said community members and parents have been asking how they can weigh in with the City. She will work with Eileen get information out to the sites about the potential impact of proposed cuts and how to advocate.

The Sponsor’s meeting will also provide an opportunity for conversation about the budget situation as well as the renewal of the RFP.

Other cities in the County are not yet funding partners with SUN.

*Next Steps:*

* *Diana will work with Eileen to develop a document to share with the community.*

## Communities Supporting Youth Action Plan

Bill briefly reported that the collaborative is in the process of implementing the three segments of the action plan: 1) attendance protocol across all districts, 2) school based outreach teams that include community members, for deeper work at selected sites and 3) site selection for the deeper work. There will be a meeting next week with the districts and the Ready for Kindergarten Collaborative to discuss site selection and to coordinate the work of the two collaboratives with the districts. At the last collaborative meeting, Lisa Pellegrino presented research on the causes of absenteeism and best practices. The bottom line is that there is no silver bullet but the best approaches are comprehensive and site based.

*Next Steps:*

* *There will be two Communities Supporting Youth meetings in February to maximize access:*
* *Friday, Feb. 15th, 8:30 – 10:30 am, Marshall High School Library*
* *Wednesday, Feb. 20th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Marshall High School Library*

## Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

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| **Next Coordinating Council Meeting:**  Friday, March 1, 2013  8:30 – 10:30 a.m.  Multnomah Building, Copper Room  501 SE Hawthorne  **Future Coordinating Council Meetings**\*:  *(\*All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise)*  Friday, April 5, Room 112  Friday, May 3, Room 112  Friday, June 7, Room 112 |  | **Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative**  February 15, 8:30 – 10:30 am;  8:00 am newcomer orientation  February 20, 4:00 – 6:00 pm;  3:30 pm Newcomer orientation  Marshall High School Library  **Every School a SUN CS Workgroup**  Friday, February 22, 2013  10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  Multnomah Building, Room 635 |  |