

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

March 4, 2011
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Joanne Fuller (Co-Chair), Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Barbara Kienle, Krista Larson, Gloria Wiggins, Kathy Tinkle, Kali Ladd, Lisa Pellegrino, John Richmond, Joshua Todd, Kathy Keim-Robinson, Roberta Phillip, Mary Richardson (alt), Dunya Minoo (alt),

Also Attending: Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Tony Mann, Suzanne Washington, Lorena Campbell, Aaron Ridings, Lori Kenney

Alt = alternate member

Updates/Announcements

- Diana gave an update on the SUN Hunger Relief project. In partnership with the Oregon Food Bank, weekend food pantries will begin distributing food to families at six SUN CS sites in mid-March:
 - East Gresham, Gresham (Gresham School District)
 - Lynch View (Centennial)
 - Shaver (Parkrose)
 - Alder (Reynolds)
 - Earl Boyles (David Douglas)
 - Kelly (PPS)

Each site also has some local partners that include churches and community organizations contributing to the effort. Six additional SUN CS sites will be supported to expand existing weekend models beginning in April. SUN has also secured a grant from Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon for \$33,000 to increase participation in summer meals.

- In other partnership news, building on the work of the Education Cabinet, Diana has been working with Ken Weigel of Imago Dei on developing closer partnerships with faith groups and SUN CS high school sites. A dessert with faith leaders will take place in April to forge strategic partnerships.
- Joanne reported on last night's County community budget forum and the concerns expressed about expiring grants (PPS 21st Century and Gresham Barlow). SUN was ranked in the top 3 priorities of all the small groups when folks broke into small groups to discuss priorities. Once the budget has been proposed, there will be another opportunity for community input to specifics in the budget.
- The February 7th Education Summit included discussions about gang violence reduction strategies. Joanne and Roberta are involved in helping realign funding spent on gang violence, particularly on families whose children are in the juvenile justice system, with a focus on Latino and African American youth and their families. Funding for services to youth not currently involved in gangs will be shifted to those currently involved in gang violence with the hope that the other groups will get connected to SUN for prevention support.
- Roberta reported that a portion of gang funding this year is being used on expanding the restorative justice model in PPS schools (POI, Grant, Beverly Cleary, King) and David Douglas (David Douglas HS and Floyd Light MS). The goal is to help youth understand the impact of their behavior on others. Resolutions Northwest is providing technical assistance by training teachers and school counselors who will go back to their schools and implement the restorative justice program. The Department of Community Justice has requested continued funding for next year. SSES youth case managers and SUN site coordinators will be involved and aware of this program.
- Josh reported on the Out of School Time Youth Development project, which has received a two year Portland Children's Levy leverage grant. The Commission, SUN, Children's Levy and Campfire have been working for a year to develop a plan to improve after school time for youth by providing training, resources and support such as a research based program quality self reflection tool. The project will focus on professional development and assessment training for folks who work with youth during out of school time.

- Kali briefed members on the February 7th Education Summit held at SEI. The most positive response about the Summit was about the youth fishbowl dialogue with adults and Linda Darling Hammond's keynote speech (she is the author of [The Flat World and Education](#) and is a Professor of Education at Stanford University). In the fishbowl, youth asked tough questions about equity and talked about what it feels like for them at school. Youth are being encouraged to go to the Portland Plan workshops to provide additional input. Bill noted that the Summit was very focused and coherent. Doug Stamm, Meyer Memorial Trust, was on a panel that discussed Cradle to Career. While people liked having the Summit in the community, there were no opportunities for break-out sessions with SEI/school being in session. Parks community centers, Concordia or PCC are alternatives for the next Summit. A draft of the education section of the Portland Plan is attached. If you have any feedback on the draft plan, please send it to Lori Kenney at lori.kenney@multco.us and she will pass it along to City planners.

Expiring Grants/Budget Updates

Peggy reviewed the latest version of the Council's Budget Issues tracking sheet. She then opened a discussion about expiring grants and time limited funding for SUN Community School sites, noting there are two facets to the discussion: reducing and expiring SUN CS grants, and schools losing grants which are not currently using the SUN model. Reynolds is losing two 21CCLC grants in high poverty schools (Hartley and Reynolds MS). Peggy met with the Reynolds Superintendent who expressed a commitment to providing partial funding and would like these schools to be SUN Community Schools. Gordon Russell, a "SUN-lite" school in Gresham-Barlow, is losing district funding in the coming year.

Schools with Expiring Grants	Poverty Index Ranking	Status/Notes
Harrison Park	2	21CCLC; SUN CS (PPS)
Hartley	3	21CCLC; not a SUN CS; Reynolds committed to partial funding
Reynolds MS	14	21CCLC; not a SUN CS; Reynolds committed to partial funding
Shaver	14	SUN CS (Parkrose)
Boise -Eliot	40	21CCLC; SUN CS (PPS)
Lynch Wood	54	21CCLC; SUN CS; Funding in proposed DCHS budget (Centennial)
Vernon	69	21CCLC; SUN CS (PPS)
Gordon Russell	71	Title 1 contributed to existing sites, allowing resources to support partial SUN CS at Gordon Russell (Centennial)
Bridger	81	Title 1 \$\$; SUN CS (Marshall)

In addition, the Council has a commitment to trying to fund David Douglas High School as a SUN CS site. This is currently in the Mayor's proposed budget. Members had a variety of input about how to address funding issues, including encouragement to align closer to the allocation plan/poverty index if we are unable to fund all of the above schools. Given the dire situation of David Douglas schools, it would be difficult to sanction funding current sites that are much lower on the poverty list. In terms of the Every School a SUN CS effort, it is important to sustain sites. Joanne said that when the County applied as lead for 21st Century grants, they made a commitment to seek funding for those sites when grants expired, but the County has not made that commitment for other grantees, nor are they capable of picking up funding for all expiring grants. Providers and districts reminded members that they are doing additional things to deepen the SUN SS. PPS noted that all their 21CCLC grants have been SUN and they are looking for internal funding and partnerships to support their expiring grants. Members expressed appreciation for information on where districts have been making investments in SUN and said this is key for leaders to understand. Diana has developed a picture of FY11 contributions (attached) showing all the resources and investments in the system. Bill said how we address the current situation is important – we want to nurture our partnerships, relationships and investments in the system and build an Every School a SUN CS model that keeps funders at the table. Members encouraged that in addition to this short term plan, we develop long term sustainable funding plans that include all sectors so we are not faced with this issue every few years. Some were not comfortable taking funds from one school to give to another.

There will not be a RFP round for 21CCLC grants this year according to ODE 21CCLC program officers.

Joanne recommended that she and Bill assemble a small group with representatives from the County, City, and Districts to have a deeper conversation and develop recommendations on these issues. Issues will be discussed for each school. Because we view David Douglas as our next priority, the group will discuss how to address this, and will look at the two expiring Reynolds grants. This group will bring a draft letter to the next Council meeting to go to funders and policy makers with our recommendations for how to address this year's expiring grants and budget issues. In the meantime, Bill suggested we write an email from him and Joanne to elected officials letting them know we are working in partnership with the City, County and Districts to develop recommendations acceptable to all. Krista suggested we provide an opportunity for providers to give input regarding their perspective philosophical thoughts about these issues.

Funding prospects for the School Housing Stabilization Fund also were discussed. That program currently serves 135 families at targeted SUN CS sites and is funded in FY11 by Federal stimulus monies (ARRA). Before ARRA funding was available, this program was funded through the City General Fund. Joanne and Kathy Tinkle have been working to restore that funding and City representatives noted that Commissioner Fish included the program in his budget.

Next Steps:

- *Bill and Joanne appointed the following group to meet on March 16th, 3-4:30 p.m. to discuss expiring grant issues and develop recommendations: Lorenzo Poe, Kali Ladd, Barbara Kienle, Kathy Tinkle, and Joshua Todd. The group will develop draft recommendations for Council to review at the April 1st Council meeting.*
- *An email will go out to elected officials from Joanne and Bill to let them know a group will work in partnership to develop recommendations about the expiring grants issue.*

Cradle to Career and Every School a SUN Community School

Bill reported that Portland Schools Foundation's fundraiser last night raised over \$300,000. All of the superintendents were present at the fundraiser and there was a lot of enthusiasm for the county-wide focus. C2C now has agreement from Greg Kantor, NW Natural, and Judy Pepler, Qwest/2011 Broad Fellow, to co-chair the C2C Council. The Board is currently making asks to prospective Council members and hopes to have membership finalized in the next two weeks. Their first Council meeting is set for April 12th and the Council plans to begin adopting key strategies and forming student success networks as soon as their second meeting in late July or early August. C2C is very happy to have received a leverage grant from the Children's Levy. Every School a SUN CS is especially aligned with the direction of Cradle to Career and is a good candidate for one of those student success networks. Nate will be staying connected to the Every School workgroup as their planning evolves. C2C will be hosting a team from Cincinnati STRIVE in Portland this month for coaching and technical assistance as they develop their strategic plan for implementation. STRIVE will be holding its bi-annual gathering in Portland in September for all cities involved in the network. In Cincinnati, experts in continuous improvement from local companies have been brought into their process. Some of that technical assistance will be available to us, as well as local technical assistance.

Barbara K. debriefed members on the February 22nd Every School a SUN CS workgroup meeting. The workgroup estimated it will take between \$8-9 million of additional resources to support community schools in all schools in the County. The group is also working on an estimate of the total amount of funding spent on education, social services and recreation for kids and families in Multnomah County. Their thinking is that this is likely to be a large sum and if a small part of that could be redirected to SUN, this would allow the expansion of community schools in the County. The workgroup has developed a draft working framework for planning (attached) showing important timing with key partners such as Cradle to Career, PPS Operating Levy and Facilities Bond, SUN RFP, Legislature and DHS, Children's Levy, Library Levy, Portland Plan and national efforts such as the Coalition for Community Schools, Strive, and Congress. They will be creating a PowerPoint presentation that can be taken to partner groups such as Cradle to Career, describing why every school should be a SUN community school and what it would cost to do that.

Members offered several comments:

- If 25 families contributed \$400 annually, it would fund a SUN Community School and provide a place for their children to engage in safe after school activities.

- In California, groups working together have switched language that has resulted in 70% of their districts contributing to after school programs.
- Some states are using School Improvement funds to extend the school day.

SUN Service System 2012 Allocation Workgroup Report

Peggy reported on the Allocation Workgroup's review of anti-poverty funding allocations using Census projections by PSU. The group determined that the poverty projections were not significant enough to recommend changes in regional allocations for FY12 particularly since Census 2010 data will be available this Fall. The decision was difficult since poverty is moving east; however, the group determined changes should only be made once mid-RFP cycle and should be aligned with the new Census data. Peggy noted that regions were determined 10 years ago to better align with DHS and school catchments. DHS has since changed their regions. Currently, there are the same number of youth in regions 1, 2, 3 & 4 combined as in regions 5 and 6. DCHS will be reviewing the number of regions to determine what number makes the most sense as part of the next RFP planning process, unless it is necessary to do so sooner.

The group recommended that funding be left as is this year and that allocations should be reviewed again next year once better poverty data is available from PSU, with the commitment that necessary allocation shifts will be made for FY13. Josh suggested that providers be notified what allocation shifts would have meant to their organization. The Council approved retaining the current funding allocation, reviewing allocations again next year, and sending a letter to providers to inform them of the workgroup's recommendation. Members agreed it made most sense to review the allocations once during the RFP cycle.

Next Steps:

- *Staff let providers know the anti-poverty allocations will stay as is this year and be reviewed next year.*

Upcoming Council and Workgroup Meeting Dates/Times:

The Higher Education workgroup has a planning meeting set for March 11th and Self Sufficiency will meet with anti-poverty providers in April to discuss possibilities for greater alignment.

Coordinating Council:

Friday, April 1, 2011
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Multnomah Building, **Room 112**
501 SE Hawthorne

Every School a SUN CS Workgroup

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Zipcar Offices
739 SW 10th (and Yamhill)

Future Coordinating Council Meetings*:

(*All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Multnomah Building)

Friday, May 6, 2011, Room 112

Friday, June 3, Room 112

Friday, July 1, 2011, Room 112

Friday, August 5, Room 112

Friday, September 2, Room 112

Friday, October 7, Room 112

Friday, November 4, Room 112

Friday, December 2, Room 112