

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

October 3, 2008

8:30-10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Lolenzo Poe (Chair), Lisa Turpel, Lisa Pellegrino, Gloria Wiggins, Willie Poinsette, Jim Schlachter (Alt), Peggy Samolinski (Alt), Rick Nitti (Alt)

Alt = alternate member

Also Attending: Hector Roche, Diana Hall, Dunya Minoo, Lori Kenney,

Public Comment: (none)

Reflections on Chair Wheeler's Participation in September 19th Council Meeting

Coordinating Council Chair Poe reported that Chair Wheeler is very pleased about Council's work, particularly around mutual responsibility. The mutual responsiveness of our work together is apparent both in what he heard when he was here and the references he has been hearing about the SUN Service System in other circles. He clarified that it is not the Chair's intention to cut SUN. The Chair wanted the Council to be aware that on the County's current revenue trajectory, all County-funded programs will be impacted by less revenue.

Coalition of Community Schools Opportunity

Peggy Samolinski reported that SUN has been approached by the Coalition of Community Schools about an opportunity to receive funding to help bridge early childhood with community school initiatives. Although the grant is not a sure thing, the Coalition is looking for a jurisdiction that can bring together groups who normally don't communicate to foster helpful connections.

Opportunity for Disengaged Youth and Post Secondary Education

Lisa Pellegrino shared that local leaders were approached by a MDRC, a New York research firm funded by the Gates Foundation, about the possibility of them piloting an initiative to enroll disengaged youth in post-secondary education in Portland. MDRC is looking for a city with some structures already in place. Since many who were at a recent exploratory meeting with MDRC are already collaborating around issues relating to youth success, she is optimistic about some investment here.

Welcome to New Council Member

Chair Poe welcomed Gloria Wiggins of Catholic Charities as the new Communities of Color member. We are glad to have Gloria with us!

Student Representative Update

Lori Kenney reported that Council's student representative, Marina Rulevskaya, will not be able to attend Council meetings this academic year. This is Marina's senior year and she has a very demanding schedule that won't permit her to attend morning meetings. Lori will be meeting with Marina to work out a plan for getting regular input from Marina on specific issues as requested by Council, and on any other issues Marina would like to update Council about.

Agenda for Oct. 21 Sponsor Meeting

Chair Poe emphasized that our upcoming Sponsor Meeting is critical for the Council because we are at an important threshold with our work on mutual responsibility and have lots of opportunities with many partners, including city leadership.

Data and Evaluation

Lisa Pellegrino reported that the workgroup will be drafting two documents on their work on Data and Evaluation.

Mutual Responsibility

Lisa Turpel presented revised handouts for the group's review. The "SUN System Overview" Benefit section was revised and contributions on page two will be updated. There is a chance we will have outcomes from 2007-08 in time to include them in the document. Chair Wheeler's ideas were added to the Mutual Responsibility definition, reflecting the uniqueness of this collaboration. High "Risk" was changed to High "Returns". The "Benefits/Commitments" piece was revised to show benefits in four different categories: Outreach & Access; Results & Mission Attainment; Public Opinion; and System Integration. Input from the group included concern that the title of the Benefits section didn't clearly reflect that these were benefits of Mutual Responsibility.

Diana Hall reported she has been talking with a graphic designer about some assistance with the two paged SUN Service System Overview piece. She asked for input from the group about the length, format and content of the document to aid in getting it finalized. Rick Nitti reported that he shared the document with the Neighborhood House Board and they were very happy for the succinct information on the document. After some discussion, group members agreed to keep the piece as a 2-page document with the current content.

Next Steps for Data and Evaluation and Mutual Responsibility documents:

- Lisa P. and Maxine will prepare documents on Data & Evaluation's work.
- Lori will update the "Benefits/Commitments" document to read "Benefits of Mutual Responsibility" and identify the Commitments as those required for Mutual Responsibility.
- Diana will update the "SUN Service System Overview" with current contribution information and recent outcomes.

October 21st Sponsor Meeting

Structure: Sponsors and Council Representatives will be at the table; all other attendees will sit in chairs surrounding the main table.

Opening Remarks: Chair Wheeler will open the meeting with an inspirational message which will include reminding Sponsors of Council's commitment to bring everyone together on a regular basis and to move forward on all owning the System. Group members provided input on setting a context for Sponsors:

- We need to demonstrate how each partner is playing a role now and why and in what way each is critical
- We need a good context setter to help focus attention, so everyone knows how they are already connected, important and contributing and how they are all joined together
- Chair Poe reiterated that Chair Wheeler would set quick and succinct context for the meeting in his opening remarks, mentioning several examples of how each and every Sponsor is connected already.

Council members brainstormed the following examples of working together from which Chair Wheeler can draw:

- ❖ Schools Family Housing (City/SUN - rent assistance)
- ❖ Parks (running SUN CS Schools)
- ❖ CHIF (support and funding for youth)
- ❖ David Douglas example
- ❖ DHS Partnership (potential for schools; getting DHS integrated into the system)
- ❖ School Districts (in-kind support; buildings; staff cooperation)
- ❖ School Leadership is critical

Stories: Members had a lot of input about stories.

- They should be a dramatic incentive to move the group's interest forward
- Diana may have a short video clip with a student story available by Oct. 21st
- Krista has a good example of a student traveling through the system and getting on track because of SUN
- Jerry's story offers a great example of administrative system alignment
- We need to agree specifically on what we want to convey with the stories
- We want to talk about the benefits to the system, the impact on a student because of the work done to date, and the work yet to be done
- We could ask Marina to tell the student story, if the student is unable to do it
- The BHCD story is a good example of funneling city funds through SUN. As a result of this structure, families been able to stay stably housed and in the same school.
- It's a compelling story that DHS is willing to go deeper in their partnership with SUN, even with 60% staffing
- Everyone is using the system and going deeper
- The DHS story should come first and the student story should come second, to leave Sponsors with a powerful example.

Content: Zeke Smith may want to briefly mention how PPS is strategically working on some of their milestones.

Asks: Chair Poe reminded group members that if all Sponsors confirm their commitments, that in itself will lead to possibilities about how we leverage support for the system. The outcome we are driving toward is a shared philosophy and an elevated level of conviction outside this circle about how we can all work together.

Our central ask is: Is there a commitment to what we've described as Mutual Responsibility?
Specific components might include:

- The System will be losing 21 CCLC grants; the County will not be able to make up the difference
- “Every School a SUN CS School”
- Look for linkages during the budget process for 09/10

Closing: Open the question up to Sponsors: What does this mean to and for you? What are your thoughts? Specifically, will they be looking to the Coordinating Council to take this on?

Materials: Data & Evaluation will have two pieces; Mutual Responsibility will have three; System Integration will determine what materials to bring at its October 10th meeting. Council did not feel it would be helpful to use Power Point.

Next Steps:

- Staff will send out the AIA meeting location address to all Council members and alternates
- Staff will send Chair Wheeler’s invitation to all Council alternates
- Staff will send the three Mutual Responsibility documents, along with an agenda to Sponsors by October 15th

Council/Work Group Meeting Schedules

Council members agreed that the full Council will meet once a month for the next six months. It is anticipated that follow up from the Sponsor’s Meeting can be channeled into the workgroups. If the Chair determines that Council needs to meet more often, staff will send out a notice to set another meeting. Council meetings for the next six months will be as follows (all meetings are from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.):

- November 21, 2008
- December 19, 2008
- January 16, 2009
- February 20, 2009
- March 20, 2009
- April 17, 2009

Next Meetings

Sponsor’s Meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008

1:30-3:30 p.m.

**American Institute of Architects (AIA) Offices
403 NW 11th**

Full Council:

Friday, November 21, 2008

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Multnomah Building,

Room 112

501 SE Hawthorne

Data and Evaluation

Workgroup:

Monday, October 29, 2008

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

DHS Offices

2446 SE Ladd (off Division)

System Integration &

Alignment Workgroup:

Friday, October 10, 2008

1:00 -2:30 p.m.

MFS Board Room

1808 SE Belmont

