

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

April 4, 2008
8:30-10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Lorenzo Poe (Chair), Jerry Burns, Krista Larson, Marina Rulevskaya, Barbara Kienle, Dunya Minoo (alt), Bill Scott, Nichole Maher, Peggy Samolinski (alt)

alt= alternate member

Also Attending: Diana Hall, Kathy Tinkle, May Cha

RFP Update

Peggy reported that the rating process began today, with orientation sessions for the raters. Applications have been received for all services. The rating process should be completed by April 18th and successful applicants will be notified soon after.

National Organization of Black County Officials Event on Youth Leadership

Lorenzo reminded members about the national conference being hosted by Multnomah County the week of April 22-24th. Youth of color are being invited to participate in a daylong leadership event and workshops to encourage more individuals of color to participate in civic service. A \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to one youth attending the event. A notice and nomination forms were sent out to principals. Nomination forms are due back April 11.

Community Schools Forum: April 30th – May 2nd

Peggy reported that we currently have 840 people registered for Forum. Today (4/4/08) is the last day for early bird discount. Letters inviting participation at the Leader's Symposium have been sent out.

Timeline/Work Plan

Members reviewed the updated work plan timeline. Council will revisit this in a couple meetings after more progress has been made on the joint ownership discussion.

Charter

Lorenzo reminded members that the group had wanted to revisit several pieces of the Charter to finalize it as much as possible in preparation for taking this document to the Sponsors. At the last meeting, the group had a good conversation about roles and responsibilities.

Roles/Responsibilities

Diana reviewed the updated Charter with the addition of a Roles/Responsibilities section. Members had the following input:

- *Promote systems level alignment* – Members recommended and discussed finding a stronger verb than “promote” to describe this. *Ensure* systems level alignment agenda was offered as a possibility. Perhaps it is more accurate to say that the Coordinating Council’s role is to *develop and maintain systems level alignment or to advocate a vision and plan for systems level alignment*.

Changes Agreed upon for Roles/Responsibilities Section:

- Ensure systems level alignment among all participating organizations
- Make operating decisions together

Coordinating Council Values

Members reviewed the Coordinating Council Values and broke out into small groups to discuss them further. The group reconvened for a discussion of the following questions:

1. Are there missing values?

- Equity
 - balancing universal accessibility with highest need
 - in proportion to need, poverty and ethnicity
 - in proportion to incidents in a given population
- Skill building that allows all populations to be served in the context of their culture (Lorenzo and Dunya will further define this value)
- Cultural responsiveness

2. Are some of these duplicative?

- Possibly combine inclusivity and diversity, hub and innovation, joint ownership and shared responsibility
 - *Diversity and Inclusivity* with sub-bullets:
 - Membership
 - Stakeholder groups served
 - Re-write the Synergy value and then decide if we need to combine with Innovation value

3. Any other thoughts?

- “Outcome Focused, Evidence Based . . .” – like the idea, not sure words are right
 - Change to: Effective Service Delivery

Next Steps for Values:

- Staff will make the agreed upon changes and send a new Values document out to members for email feedback

Membership

At the 2/15/08 meeting, members agreed to add two seats to the Council: 1) a third school district seat, and 2) a second Coalition of Communities of Color seat. Members were asked whether they had other thoughts about membership for the Council.

- Should anti-poverty providers have a seat?
- Question of whether the Coalition or the SUN Service System contractors should have a seat.

Next Steps for Membership:

- SUN Service System agency executives will have a discussion about how they want to be represented on the Council.

Staffing of the Coordinating Council

Lorenzo reminded members of their initial agreement that partners would share Coordinating Council staffing responsibilities. Multnomah County has only budgeted for this for one more year.

Joint Ownership Vision

Due to time constraints, this discussion has been postponed for our next meeting. Council members were asked to continue talking with those they represent about what joint ownership means.

Communication/Take Aways

- Continue to have internal conversations with the constituents you represent about Joint Ownership
- **Upcoming meetings: April 18, May 16, June 6,**
- Agenda items for 4/18 meeting:
 - Joint Ownership Vision
 - DHS Partnership

Next Meeting

Friday, April 18, 2008
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Multnomah Building, Room 315
501 SE Hawthorne