

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

October 16, 2009

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Joanne Fuller (Stand-In Chair), Lisa Turpel, Bill Scott, Lisa Pellegrino, Jim Schlachter, Cliff Brush, Rick Nitti (Alt), Diana Hall (Alt)

Alt = alternate member

Also Attending: Hector Roche, Peggy Samolinski, Joshua Todd, Dunya Minoo, Kali Ladd, Linda Castillo, Julia Meier, Lori Kenney

Updates

Education Cabinet: Diana reported that the Education Cabinet is moving forward on prioritizing among the 10 strategy options developed by the Strategy Team. Many of the strategies are complimentary with SUN Service System and Council work and folks on both groups are attentive to aligning efforts and building off of what is already happening. One strategy is on providing out-of-school time academic and life skill supports and is considering how to expand SUN Community Schools and other proven practices in high schools; this lends itself nicely to the Every School a SUN School vision. The Cabinet has formed an Executive Committee to address on-going decision-making in the interim between the Cabinet's quarterly meetings.

What Works Grant: Peggy provided an update on the group that was convened to consider pursuing the ARRA What Works grant. At the June meeting, there was a show of interest in working together on a grant proposal and initial thoughts that it should focus on community schools in high schools. MESD has agreed to serve as the agency who will submit the grant. The County is willing provide a grant writer to assist if partners decide to go forward with the grant. Peggy is in the process of setting another meeting date in the next two weeks to discuss how best to frame a collaborative proposal.

High School SUN Model Conversation: Because of all the interest in refining, enhancing and expanding the SUN Community School model in high schools, the County SUN staff will be convening a meeting of interested parties in November. Details will follow.

Sites for Early Childhood/Community Schools Linkages Project: Peggy announced that two local sites have been selected: Harold Oliver Primary in Centennial and Woodmere in PPS. Discussions are underway about engaging beyond the two demonstration sites and a meeting is set for late November to talk about expansion. Peggy and Diana will be in New York this coming week to talk about this project with other sites from around the US.

STRIVE: Bill updated members about STRIVE. This model, initiated in Cincinnati three years ago, seeks to engage the local business community in working together with other community partners to support the success of youth. Leaders Roundtable (LRT) had unanimous positive response to a conversation with STRIVE folks in July. Resources have been offered by United Way, PSU, and the foundation that supported the start up of Cincinnati's STRIVE group. There is general interest in having LRT morph into the STRIVE model, rather than starting another new group. The focus on launching initiatives is underway, with the SUN Service System being on the short list. Bill said that LRT does not see itself as moving into a quasi-governance role, but rather sees this as an opportunity to have a more focused agenda that is better resourced and staffed.

SUN Community Schools and Childcare Licensure: Peggy shared an update on recent conversations with the Child Care Division (CCD) about whether SUN Community Schools need to be licensed under child care regulations. Because of the complex relationships of funders, providers and schools within SUN, the State has said they have not reached a decision yet. Following a recent meeting with district SUN liaisons, the City, County and the CCD, the next step is for a small group of SUN representatives to work further with CCD staff to determine whether SUN is considered exempt from licensure.

Every School a SUN Community School

Bill prefaced a discussion about the definition of “Every School a SUN Community School” by reiterating how the vision arose out of service integration conversations about the challenges providers face in providing services one way for SUN schools and another for other entities. The vision came from two primary objectives: 1) a more efficient funding system, and 2) a better integrated system of services that would result in a ubiquity of access/availability and better support for kids and families. This vision does not mean the programming will be identical at all schools but it defines the relationships between different partners and providers.

Hector asked members to take a few minutes to read the definition and then they offered input/comments. Comments for specific changes to the document included:

- The ubiquity of availability of services needs to be clarified. Does this mean that every child in the Justice, Child Welfare or any other system will also be served by SUN? All home schooled kids?
- Should reflect a high level agreement on values and best practices, including a theory of action of how it improves outcomes for kids and families
- Emphasize the elements differently – reorder the bullets in the following order: 4, 2, 5, 3, 1
- Recognize the school districts as partners and that each district will make their own decisions about the location of community schools

In addition, folks noted that charter schools are a special consideration since they approach things differently. The thought was that we may want to bring them into the conversation after the definition is better developed. The concern was raised that this requires districts to put SUN in every school. It was noted that districts have already given their general agreement and support as members of the Council to move forward with the overall vision. Details of implementation will need to be worked out as the vision is pursued and will absolutely address district issues and priorities.

Next Steps:

- *The workgroup will meet in next few weeks to refine the definition and will send out via email to members*
- *School district representatives will take the draft definition back to their districts to get input*
- *All input on the definition should be sent to Lori Kenney by October 30th.*
- *A revised definition will be brought to the November Council meeting for review*

Council Membership

Joanne opened a discussion about the addition of Council seats for a few sponsor organizations that contribute significant funding to SUN but are not currently represented. Recently, the Mayor’s office has confirmed that they would like a member of the Mayor’s education staff to sit in the Mayor’s Council seat, which Lisa Pellegrino has been filling, as well as representing CHIF. Although there has not been an official seat for CHIF, they are interested in continuing to have representation on the Council; particularly given they are a major funding contributor. In addition, as a contributing funder to the SUN Service System, the Commission on Children, Families and Community has also expressed interest in being represented. While there may be other organizations interested in being represented on the Council, Joanne requested that we

focus on these immediate recommendations for today and revisit larger membership issues at another meeting. Joanne recommended the following:

- Add a seat for CHIF and ask Lisa Pellegrino to sit as the representative
- Add a seat for the Commission on Children and Families

Agreement and Next Steps:

- *There was consensus to add seats for CHIF and for the Commission on Children, Families and Community*
- *Staff will send out formal announcements to CHIF, the Mayor's Office and the Commission on Children, Families and Community, asking them to name a representative and alternate to serve on the Coordinating Council*

Joint Ownership

Lisa Turpel presented the latest Championship Building plan, noting that most visits are targeted for this fall, preferably before budgeting is finalized. The key objectives for these visits are to:

- 1) Develop a deeper understanding of SUN and how it can help their organization meet its goals
- 2) Encourage people to think about how to connect better to SUN
- 3) Marshall support for our vision of Every School a SUN Community School

Key Messages: Diana shared the key messages that have been identified as a baseline for all visits as follows:

- Thanks for continuing support of SUN
- 10th Anniversary of SUN
- Brief overview of how far we've come
- Outcomes/Impact
- How SUN helps each organization meet its goals
- More effective service delivery; more efficient use of resources

Joint Ownership workgroup members also discussed the importance of speaking about SUN through the lens of each organization and being aware of their goals, milestones and critical issues so SUN's outcomes can be tied to theirs.

10th Anniversary Flyer: Diana distributed a draft one page flyer, asking for input and suggestions. Beyond specific changes to the document, the suggestion was made to consider having data available at the district level.

Event: Members discussed whether we should consider holding an event to publicly commemorate the 10th anniversary of SUN in the spring. There was recognition that this would entail significant planning and possibly resources. A simple celebration might be connected with another event, possibly bringing families who have great stories to tell to share those with folks. Joanne reminded members of the excellent video that was created showcasing some students who benefitted from SUN. Members discussed briefly and agreed to revisit this at a future meeting.

Next Steps:

- *Staff will assist in scheduling Championship Building visits, continue fleshing out the Championship Plan and develop speaking points that cover the key messages for the visits*
- *Staff will rework the 10th Anniversary flyer, working with a graphic designer*

Fall Priority Work

Workgroups each provided a brief update.

SUN Experimental Expansion: Dunya reiterated the charge of this group: To determine how SUN might be expanded using existing resources. The first workgroup is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m. in Room 625 of the Multnomah Building. One area of discussion will include exploring an interest DHS has regarding the possible relocation of staff. A key objective will be to make sure not to overload the current conversations with DHS about alignment.

Data and Evaluation: Given there were many organizations with similar interests in data, MESD has agreed to gather and make available data for funders of the system. A Data Task Force that includes members from Parkrose and David Douglas is in the process of developing a menu of variables that will be reported along with an attempt to find funding for a position to design and maintain the data (i.e. write a program for ESIS that every district could use). Lisa Pellegrino said they hoped to bring an update back to Council by the end of the year.

Service/System Integration: Joanne noted that the several conversations underway with DHS are all addressing alignment/integration issues. This workgroup organized two cross-discipline dialogue/training sessions in the past year, both of which were really well received. She is interested in pursuing whether we could hold more of these throughout the school year for people from different systems. Staff from her division will bring a proposal to Council for the next in the series of these dialogue/training sessions.

Next Steps:

- *DCHS staff will develop a proposal for the next system integration/alignment dialogue/training session*

Council Feedback

The Department of County Human services annually surveys each of their advisory organizations. The Coordinating Council is a different entity because of the many collaborating partners from different organizations; however, Joanne saw this as an opportunity to see if Council was interested in a survey to provide feedback on the Council in general. Group members were amenable to respond to such a survey.

Next Steps:

- *Council staff will modify the usual County survey and send out to Council members for input*

Next Meeting

Items to be included on the next agenda include:

- Are there other areas we want to include in evaluation?
- Other groups interested in Council seats

Next Meeting:

Friday, November 20, 2009

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Multnomah Building,

Room 112

501 SE Hawthorne

Future Meetings: (all meetings are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Multnomah Bldg. Room 112)

Friday, December 18, 2009

Friday, January 15, 2010

Friday, February 19, 2010

Friday, March 19, 2010

Friday, April 16, 2010