

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

September 3, 2010

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Joanne Fuller (Co-Chair), Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Krista Larson, Lisa Turpel, Barbara Kienle, Gloria Wiggins, Kali Ladd, Lisa Pellegrino, John Richmond, Umulkher Abdullahi, Roberta Phillip

Also Attending: Florence Protopapas, Jerome Brooks, Peggy Samolinski, Linda Castillo, Diana Hall, Lori Kenney

Alt = alternate member

Updates/Announcements

- Our new student representative from the Multnomah Youth Commission, Umulkher Abdullahi, (also goes by Uma) said she was looking forward to her work with the Council. She is a senior at Madison High School where she participated on the SUN Leadership Council and was a Summer YouthWorks intern in the City of Portland Attorney's office this summer. Welcome Uma!
- Barbara Kienle's alternate from David Douglas will be Florence Protopapas. Florence works in Student Services and will take over as the primary representative for Barbara next year. Welcome Florence!
- Parkrose will be naming a representative to fill the seat left open by Jim Schlachter. They have since named Kathy Keim-Robinson as the representative. She will join us in October.
- Joanne reported on the visit she and Bill Scott had with Jim Scherzinger on Sept. 1. The focus of their conversation was how to make SUN the service delivery platform and to discuss opportunities to broaden SUN's role as the "go to" connection for services. Jim sees opportunities in child welfare and self sufficiency, possibly locating DHS services in some schools where there is easy access for students and families. Peggy noted that DHS wants to outstation self-sufficiency workers at David Douglas in their new health clinic. Parkrose has also indicated interest in having workers at their school.
- A visit with Bruce Goldberg is scheduled for October 15th. Joanne invited anyone interested in joining that visit to contact Lori Kenney at lori.kenney@co.multnomah.or.us. Visits are also being scheduled with Julia Brim-Edwards, Chris Tebben and Erin Kelley-Siel. We will get information out to Council members on upcoming visits, in case you would like to join one of them.
- The second Think Tank meeting for Every School a SUN Community School is set for Thursday, September 23rd, 1-3 p.m. at the United Way offices. The planning group will meet on September 9th to develop the agenda.
- Kali gave an update on a follow-up meeting held by the Mayor with higher ed folks from Reed, PCC, Mt. Hood CC, PSU, University of Portland, Concordia and Warner Pacific to develop more systemic partnerships. There is interest in connecting higher ed with east Portland schools and developing partnerships with the whole university, similar to the one between Concordia and Faubion. The Mayor's office is working on next steps for this effort.
- Peggy briefed the group on a Kellogg grant that has made possible early childhood demonstration sites at Parklane in Centennial and Woodmere in PPS. These sites will work to connect more effectively with families in an effort to bring early childhood issues to the forefront and work to impact regional and state policy. An advisory committee working with the group brings school age and early childhood folks together to discuss issues. One of the areas in which they are focusing is on early chronic absenteeism. The project is hosting staff from Children's Aid Society who will be visiting November 9th and 10th to develop awareness about attendance in the early grades, review, with school personnel their own data, and provide training and technical assistance. This Training and TA is part of the Kellogg Grant. The early chronic absenteeism work is premised on research by Hedy sponsored by the Casey Foundation; she has created a non-profit by the name of *Attendance Counts*. More information can be found at <http://www.attendancecounts.org/>.

- Peggy provided an update on Commissioner Willer's request for a report on fee collection and parent roles in generating funding for SUN. Currently, SUN has a two tiered fee collection structure – schools with above 50% free and reduced lunch do not ask for/collect fees; those with 50% or less free and reduced lunch collect fees on a sliding scale. A conversation has been scheduled for today to gather input on this complex issue. Bill noted that as we develop a universal system, fee collection will be critical in the long term. A key element will be having central support to accomplish the fee collection. Because not all SUN SS schools are County-funded schools, this adds to the complexity of the county potentially asking for fee collection. Ideally, a consistent policy across all schools will be best. It will be important to understand who benefits if fees are collected – the provider, the school, the county, or other entity. Joanne said it will be important for the Council to be in agreement about any action taken on fee collection. A briefing to the Board of County Commissioners about this topic has been set for October 19, 2010.

SUN Service System – Services and Opportunities for FY 2011

Diana presented a table showing all the SUN Service System Programs and Services for this coming fiscal year. SUN has expanded to 60 schools this year (from 58 last year) with the addition of Menlo Park and Bridger. PPS is funding the infrastructure for Bridger. Diana said services are very similar to those provided last year, except in the alcohol, tobacco and drug area. Because OHP and other providers cover the costs of treatment, SUN will not be paying Lifeworks for treatment. They will instead work with middle school youth at risk for using alcohol and drugs and will be referring them to the appropriate services and supports. Other new areas include the health and wellness initiative Kamesha Robinson reported on at the August meeting, and efforts to extend the summer hunger relief program through the school year and on weekends. Diana's table of all the SUN Services was very well received as a comprehensive view of what the system provides. Members suggested it be included in information shared with folks as we continue our outreach visits, as well as maps of the different regions and cities within the service system.

Upcoming information sessions on *Restock Your Toolkit* will cover all available services (including a suicide prevention training) and will be held for school counselors and administrators, juvenile counselors, mental health and alcohol & drug counselors and other youth serving staff on the following dates:

- 9/30/10: David Douglas School District Board Room, 1500 SE 130th. 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 10/4/10: North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth, 9:30-12:30
- 12/3/10: All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock, 8:30-11:30

For additional information on those information sessions, contact Michelle Aldous, (503) 252-2900, michelle_aldous@ddouglas.k12.or.us or Bree West, (503) 988-3999, ext. 24045, bree.west@multco.us.

P20 Briefing

Bill and Kali gave an update on P20, the group that is adapting the STRIVE model out of Cincinnati. The P20 group is more grassroots oriented than Cincinnati's STRIVE, which is primarily funded and driven by Fortune 500 companies. Through a grant to PSU, Portland is a demo site and is already moving toward implementation to work collaboratively on all significant services for children and families. The original impetus comes from a recognition that some groups of kids are not succeeding. The P20 group will coalesce what the Leaders Roundtable and the Education Cabinet are doing now, into one body that works more effectively. The overall goal is to identify the continuum of need and develop a comprehensive strategy and key indicators at critical touch points in a youth's life. A steering committee comprised of Leaders Roundtable, United Way, the City and County will go public with indicators in November. The Creation Committee has met three times and is working to determine the oversight entity that will drive work initiatives, coordinate efforts and staff workgroups. Currently, there is a proposal to have a "reinvented" Portland Schools Foundation serve as the oversight entity. They would be in a position to raise funding key to this effort being successful. All County superintendents support the proposal. The Portland Schools Foundation board will be acting on the proposal at their next meeting. There will also be a meeting of the Leaders Roundtable and Education Cabinet the last week of September to sign off on the proposal and make certain

everyone is in agreement about how to move forward. The Leaders Roundtable and Education Cabinet would be subsumed by the “reinvented” Portland Schools Foundation. They are hoping to have a final decision by the end of September and will then develop a transition plan.

As work begins, P20 will conduct forums to get input and then organize into specific focus areas, such as early childhood and higher education. SUN is regarded as a major strategy and P20 could be instrumental in helping move Every School a SUN CS forward. Community schools are central to the model, serving to fill the gap of everything outside the school day. There is also an intention to get parents involved and to have a parent engagement strategy. Five broad goals for P20 have been identified:

1. Ready for school
2. Support in/out of school
3. Academic success
4. Post-secondary entry
5. Graduation and career entry

FY 2011 Work Plan

Diana distributed a planning sheet showing areas identified at our June and August meetings as potential areas for the Council to focus efforts in the coming year.

P20

- Joanne clarified the Coordinating Council’s relationship to P20, noting that although we will be connected to P20, we are organized to address issues specific to the SUN Service System, with our representatives/members all having deep SUN Service System stakeholder interests.
- P20 is on our work plan and one of our tasks is to determine what our role will be with P20, whether we are working on Every School a SUN CS, early childhood or higher education issues and how we connect with their work.
- Some opportunities/issues will be addressed through the P20 structure.

System Integration

- Continue working with groups such as DHS to build SUN as the comprehensive universal delivery system. For example, DHS is building relationships with east county schools, working to outstation folks in schools who can work with food stamp eligibility there. With DHS, we are taking the individual staff approach to work on issues one at a time.
- Early chronic absenteeism
- Mental health
- Continue outreach into the community to inform folks about the full services provided by SUN.
- Training teachers/counselors on what is available as they often are not fully aware of services and supports. The intergovernmental agreement includes information about what SUN provides for teachers but we may need to let them know in other ways as well.
- District structures for supporting principals and new SUN sites. Our hope is to look at schools that really make use of SUN and replicate their model at other schools. This is more difficult in larger schools, but can be done. Principal leadership has been shown to be critical and the family outreach worker can be very helpful.

Joint Ownership

- Reach out to new superintendents and build relationships.
- For the Council, success in the joint ownership area would be widespread support of Every School a SUN CS.

Higher Education

- Focus on building intentional connections/structure for partnerships between higher education and SUN.
- Identify who will be the “owner” of this conversation and maintain relationships/structure. While the Mayor’s Office has brokered the conversation with higher education, it is not clear yet who will take ownership of this endeavor and provide staffing and coordination. There is a group of higher

education folks aligned and committed to social partnership.

Council members agreed to cluster priority work at the next meeting. With the challenging state budgets, funding is certain to be on our plate in the future as well. Please send additional thoughts you may have on areas we should be devoting our attention to this coming year to lori.kenneyl@co.multnomah.or.us.

Upcoming Council and Workgroup Meeting Dates/Times:

Coordinating Council: Friday, October 1, 2010 8:30-10:30 a.m. Multnomah Building, Room 112 501 SE Hawthorne Future Coordinating Council Meetings*: (*All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m.) Friday, November 5, 2010 Friday, December 3, 2010 Friday, January 7, 2011 Friday, February 4, 2011 Friday, March 4, 2011		Th in k - Th a n k - Th u r s d a y , O c t o b e r 2 9 9 : 0 0 - 1 1 : 0 0		
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