

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

February 19, 2010

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Joanne Fuller (Co-Chair), Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Lisa Turpel, Krista Larson, Barbara Kienle, Lisa Pellegrino, Kirubiel Ayele, Cliff Brush, Gloria Wiggins, Joshua Todd, Kali Ladd, Jim Schlachter, Rhys Scholes

Alt = alternate member

Also Attending: Hector Roche, Diana Hall (Alt), Peggy Samolinski (Alt)

SUN Service System Funding Issues

The Council made a decision at its last meeting to keep this meeting date (Feb 19th) in order to have an in-depth budget conversation, even though the regular meeting time was changed to the first Friday of the month. The desire on the part of the Council was to have an opportunity to really understand the budget issues facing the System, partner contributions and what's at risk currently within the aligned services in the System.

Peggy provided an overview of SUN programs/services and FY10 funding sources, distributing a working document that showed details of the various services and the array of funding sources. She noted that only the operating cash section was updated for this meeting. SUN Staff will work over the next few months to gather updated match/partner cash and in-kind estimates. Council members identified a few missing items and adjustments. There was interest in more detail and disaggregation of the non-profit contributions. The question of which partner investments should be captured in the grid was discussed. Currently, the grid captures those investments that are made by organizations that identify themselves as sponsors of SUN and within those organizations, the investments they have agreed to include under the collaboration commitments (shared governance, etc.). There is the potential to include additional investments as partners desire.

The issue of the communication challenge around the bigger SUN Service System (vs SUN Community Schools) was identified. A parking lot issue was noted: How to frame and message about the importance of the larger SUN Service System. Bill S. noted that the point is to attract more folks to align into SUN and there is a need to think about communicating the picture of SUN and how others can use the system to magnify their investments.

Big Picture of At-Risk Programs

Council members were asked to share risks they foresaw currently to services aligned into SUN.

City/Parks:

Lisa T. reported potential impacts to SUN as follows:

- Reduction in the proposed Parks budget to SUN Community Schools pass-through (the portion of the Parks SUN CS funding that flows through contracts the County manages) of 4% (approximately \$11-12,000). Last year the pass through to SUN CS took a 10% cut, which the County filled.
- Commissioner Fish is trying to hold services to youth and seniors harmless, however.

Kali flagged that the School Stabilization Fund, which was \$500K of stimulus funding this year, is at risk this year. She also said that she felt positive about the \$12,000 the Mayor's Office contributed to

Council staffing, as there is opportunity in the Education Team budget for it.

Children's Levy: Lisa P. shared that there is a possibility that the levy revenues would be reduced if the library pursues a levy, which would cause compression.

Gresham Barlow School District: Jim S. stated that the district doesn't foresee any changes at this time in what it is contributing in cash or in-kind.

David Douglas School District: Barbara K. also didn't see anything at risk to SUN contributions from the district.

Jim and Barbara will check in with other Mid and East County districts about budgets and potential risk areas.

PPS: Cliff B. said that PPS doesn't know for certain yet what may be at risk in the FY11 budget.

County: Joanne shared that, as a department, DCHS is needing to look at a 5-6% cut to meet the budget constraint given by the Chair. DCHS is trying to hold the SUN Service System harmless and the Chair in his recent City Club speech indicated that he would not cut SUN Community Schools in his tenure. The Department is not looking to take cuts across the board. If a cut were taken in the SUN Service System, it would likely be in Parent Child Development Services. Final departmental decisions will be made by March 5th when department budgets are due to the Chair's Office. Information about what is in those and the Chair's budget won't be made public until the Chair's budget is released in early April. Even in the worst case, a cut to the System wouldn't mean elimination of any programs.

CCFC: Josh said that the \$100K in federal funding for the E:DGE prevention and service learning project is in jeopardy at the federal level. This is a service that is aligned and partnered with SUN Community Schools in the Marshall cluster.

Ask/New Offer Opportunities

Cabinet members were asked to share any budget asks/offers that they were aware of related to SUN. Although it is confusing in the budget shortfall environment to talk about doing new or expanded things, there are opportunities due to one time only funds and priority initiatives.

Mayor's Budget: The Mayor's current budget includes funding to expand SUN Community Schools to an additional high school site.

County: DCHS is submitting a couple of new budget packages connected to SUN for the Chair's consideration including:

- High School Completion Package: in alignment with the Education Cabinet's work and priorities. The current proposal would fund 1-2 additional SUN CS high school sites along with enhanced services at existing high school SUN CSs. Enhances services include: additional case management capacity, increases to base funding and cash match to support full-time AmeriCorps members.
- Child and Family Food Security: this is a project to use the SUN CS "vehicle" to expand the amount of food available to children and families. It leverages federal funding available to provide food on additional days when school is not in session (expanded summer days and non-school days during the school year). It also includes the development of a weekend family food program at SUN Community Schools.

Further discussion of budget issues included the following:

- It will be a missed opportunity if the Council does not have representation at upcoming City budget meetings.
- There may be ARRA Education funding opportunities beyond the i³ Innovation grants. How can we

be taking advantage of these opportunities?

Council members each had an opportunity to share thoughts on the state of the SUN budget picture. A few highlights included:

- SUN is one way to achieve the Education Cabinet goals and achieves the equity piece.
- There is potential for growth even if there doesn't seem to be evidence of this on the surface. We're building capacity and if we can prove success, there may be others who will step up.
- Different budget situation from last year. Credit the Council for furthering the System and making the budget picture more stable.
- Securing support from the private sector is very hard.
- Appreciation of efforts to maintain SUN funding across partners.
- Need to ensure talk/visibility of SUN in budget process of all sponsoring organizations to ensure support.

Action Plan

The group agreed to the following actions related to budget:

- Letter to all elected policy sponsors (City Council, County Board, school boards) before their budgets are finalized.
- Attend budget meetings/hearings to ensure visibility and support for SUN in budgets. Upcoming City and County meetings were shared and will be sent out with meeting notes. The first meetings are City budget hearings on March 1st, 3rd and 6th and a County hearing focused on Public Safety on March 4th
- Outreach Visits - include budget related messages in upcoming outreach visits.
- Pursue joint City/County Education Budget Meeting

Key Messages for Letter and Testimony at Budget Meetings

The Council identified some key message areas. SUN Staff will develop a key messages document for Council use. Messages brainstormed included:

- Thank you for your support of the SUN Service System collaboration – and the individual services that are in the SUN system of care
- Appreciation for prioritization of SUN collaboration in budgets
- Would like to see investments continue into the coming year
- Our joint effort in the SUN Service System is yielding great results for youth and families
- Urge them to support new ideas coming forward as part of community efforts to increase high school graduation
- How wonderful and unique our collaboration is - that everyone is playing in “the same sandbox.”
- At City Hearings – what's at risk to advocate for funding
 1. Cut to SUN Community Schools budget – the Parks initial budget includes a 4% cut to the SUN CS funding that is passed through the County. Last year the pass thru took a 10% cut
 2. School Stabilization Fund - \$500K in funding – this was 2nd year of the program and it was funded through stimulus \$ this year. Helps stabilize over 100 families, reducing poverty and school mobility so that children can have consistency they need to come to school ready to learn and succeed academically.

Action Steps

- City and County representatives talk to Mayor and Chair about interest in joint education budget meeting
- SUN staff will draft letter to sponsors and get out to Council members for review prior to the March 5th meeting
- All Council members try to attend budget meetings/hearings and speak on behalf of SUN

Update on Outreach Visits

Diana reviewed a document listing upcoming visits with County Commissioners, Sandy McDonough and Duncan Wyse. Currently, Joanne is scheduled with all the County Commissioners. Council members were invited to join her and asked to let Diana know as interested in participating in particular visits.

Upcoming Coordinating Council and Workgroup Meetings

March 5th Coordinating Council agenda items include:

- Decision on High School workgroup recommendation
- P20 Update & Discussion
- 20 minute overview presentation on SSSES, including providers

Upcoming Council and Workgroup Meeting Dates/Times:

Coordinating Council: Friday, March 5, 2010 8:30-10:30 a.m. Multnomah Building, Room 112 501 SE Hawthorne	SUN High School Workgroup Meeting #3: Friday, March 5, 2010 1:00-3:00pm Multnomah Building, Room 112 (501 SE Hawthorne	Experimental Expansion: Weds, March 10th, 2010 3:00 p.m. MFS office: 1808 SE Belmont	
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Future Coordinating Council Meetings: (All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Multnomah Bldg., Room 112.)

- **Fri. March 5, 2010**
- **Fri. April 2, 2010**
- **Fri. May 7, 2010**
- **Fri. June 4, 2010**
- **Fri. July 2, 2010**