

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

January 29, 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, Rhys Scholes

Alt = alternate member

Also Attending: Hector Roche, Maxine Thompson (Alt), Diana Hall (Alt), Peggy Samolinski (Alt), Jon Hurst, Colleen McCann, Julia Meier

Announcements

Council Co-Chair: Joanne announced that because Chair Wheeler technically appoints the Chair for the Coordinating Council, he officially appointed Bill Scott to co-chair with Joanne. Both will share planning duties and chairing of the Council meetings.

New Youth Representative: With pleasure, Joanne also announced the addition of a youth representative to the Council. Kirubiel Ayele, who goes by KB, is a student at Roosevelt High School and was recruited with the assistance of Rebecca Stavenjord through the Multnomah Youth Commission. His alternate is Chris Edmonds, a Grant High student. Members agreed to KB's suggestion that a future Council meeting be held at Roosevelt, so folks can visit a SUN Community School and get a tour from KB. Council members expressed their pleasure at having youth voices once again represented.

Updates

Every School a SUN CS/Experimental Expansion Workgroup: Peggy updated the group on the conversations workgroup members have had with several other communities around the nation also working toward establishing community schools in every school. The workgroup is also continuing work with DHS to purposefully connect youth and families in the child welfare system with SUN community school sites. The effort is two-fold: an overarching effort to have DHS workers connect all parents and youth in child welfare with SUN and then a pilot with a few schools for a deeper connection to ensure youth get targeted outreach and participate.

Children's Levy: Lisa Pellegrino provided an update on the \$3 million leverage funds, the bulk of which (\$2.5 million) will go to challenge grants. The remaining half million will go to collaboration grants. The collaboration grants will not be distributed through applications; rather a committee will be formed to develop partnerships and identify recipients of the award. They are hoping to have a decision on the leverage funds by early next week.

P20 Initiative: Bill reported on the P20 Initiative, an effort to develop a structure that might eventually replace the Leaders Roundtable. The new structure would feature broader leadership with possibly United Way and PSU taking the lead. Currently, there is significant staffing support from Pat Burk at PSU.

ARRA Innovation Grant: Peggy let group members know this effort is still moving forward. County staff members are working with PPS and Parkrose to explore what additional data may be available for in-depth and comparative analysis that would support the grant application. Partners in DC believe that current draft requirements may become a bit less strict. The 20% match requirement is still anticipated. Council

members requested that grant requirements be forwarded to members as they become available. Peggy will revisit this with Council to discuss match options as requirements become clear.

Survey on Culturally Specific Issues: Council staff is working on developing another survey to better understand concerns raised through the initial survey that the needs of culturally specific groups are not fully being addressed.

Joint Ownership

Recap of Visits to Date: Joanne opened a recap of recent outreach visits, noting how valuable these one-on-one visits are in building understanding of nuances and in allowing folks to ask questions they might not ask in a larger group.

- Commissioners Saltzman and Leonard were both very positive and supportive.
- The meeting with the Mayor went well, with time to delve into details and to ask about other opportunities for alignment. He discussed possibly looking at aligning all Parks services to children and youth. He resonated with the idea of how community schools reinforce the 20 minute neighborhood concept.
- David Douglas staff and board offered good comments and showed they really understood the full system. One board member asked a question about how decisions were made to move community school sites as demographics shift.

Upcoming Visits: Diana noted the upcoming visits with Commissioner Fritz (Thurs. Feb. 4, 12 noon) and the PPS Community and Student Affairs Committee (Thurs. Feb. 11, 4 p.m.). Lori is also working on scheduling meetings with County Commissioners individually. Members requested that upcoming visit dates be sent out and folks can let Diana know if they are interested in meeting with County Commissioners. There was interest in having students included in the meetings with County Commissioners. Cliff said he thought it was a good idea to meet with SuperSAC at PPS as well as the full board. Members asked that we schedule a visit with Duncan Wyse soon. Rhys raised the question whether there are other organizations where we might connect with the private sector, such as neighborhood business alliances/coalitions, ONI, OAME, and Gail Castillo with the Hispanic Chamber.

Interest was expressed in building relationships with some of the big foundations and to make connections with some of the “low hanging fruit” in the private sector soon. Lisa T. reminded members our initial intent was to reach out to existing sponsors and leaders. There is a desire to have a conscious strategic plan as we move forward, which would likely involve shifting focus and expanding out to other groups and individuals. Joanne, Peggy and Diana will develop a frame for a conversation at our next meeting about a deliberate plan for the next level of outreach.

SUN Evaluation Follow Up

Peggy followed up on a request made at the November meeting to provide key take-aways or speaking points from the full evaluation. She shared the newly created Executive Summary (attached), reviewing highlights of the document. Comments included:

- The Benchmark Graphic is confusing with the bar representing the State Benchmark. There was a suggestion to develop a narrative to explain this more fully. Would it be helpful to show the State average as a comparison?
- 60% goal is related to AYP
- Interest in having numbers of students in each of the areas of the bar graphs
- Further understanding the valued added nature of the SUN Service System *beyond* community schools
- Concerns regarding the context and details of SSES and how that relates to outcomes
- Spell out acronyms

- Use more positive language for “disproportionate” in first section
- Clarify audience for this document – Coordinating Council
- Would be nice to have a graph for non-SUN CS services

Proposal: Since there is a varied depth of understanding amongst Council members regarding individual programs, allocate 20 minutes at each of the next several monthly meetings to provide information on one of the main programs.

Agreement:

- *There will be a 20 minute presentation on the Social and Support Services for Educational Success (SSSES) program, including some of the providers, at the March Council meeting.*

SUN Service System Funding Issues

City/Parks: Lisa T. reported that bureaus were originally asked to submit a constraint budget of 2.5%. This has since been increased to a cut of 4%. The decision was made to hold public safety (police, fire and emergency communication) at approximately 2%. Parks has prepared a package, based on input from City Council. Impacts to SUN are currently as follows:

- Decrease SUN CS pass-through by 4% (approximately \$10-11,000) with the following caveats:
 - There are a number of pass-through grants; some have been suggested to be eliminated altogether
 - Commissioner Fish is very clear and hopeful that Parks will not sustain the full 4% cut. He is committed to prioritize funding for kids and seniors.
- Parks SUN CS sites are not taking any cuts
- Mayor's Office has a line item in the budget for SUN CS expansion through high schools

The City will hold public budget forums the first week of March.

County: Joanne said the County is also in the process of developing proposals of cuts slightly above 4% to meet FY11 constraints. Those proposals are due to Chair Wheeler on March 5th. This represents roughly \$2.4 million for DCHS overall. A significant proportion of County General Funds within DCHS are spent on the SUN Service System. DCHS is looking at preserving funding levels for SUN CS sites, given the Chair's commitment to SUN. Final suggestions for cuts are still under discussion. This information will not be available until the budget is submitted to the Chair and he approves sharing final decisions. As soon as it is available, it will be sent out to the Council. There is also significant one-time funding this year that the Board will be considering how to use. Community Budget forums will be held on March 4th and March 18th, one on health and human services and one on public safety, with additional public hearings in May. Joanne said she will share details of those hearings at future Council meetings. Joanne reminded members that everyone should have received an invitation to a meeting for all DCHS Advisory Groups, to be held on Tuesday, February 2nd from 5-7 p.m. at the Multnomah County Board Room.

School Districts: David Douglas anticipates a cut of \$5-7 million. PPS is still in flux, with the passing of the tax measures.

Council members had the following input regarding budget issues:

- DCHS is looking for input about upcoming budget decisions in the next two weeks about Council priorities in terms of programs.
- Input would need to occur in a separate meeting and would take up most of the meeting's agenda
- Council still has the opportunity to make an official statement/recommendation to the Chair and Mayor, both of whom have discretion about cuts
- The strategic point would be to advise the Mayor and Chair in their executive budgets
- If Council members want to meet with Joanne about the DCHS budget, let Diana know and she will organize a meeting next week.

- Question was raised whether the Council wants to organize any community input/clarity about the impact of budget decisions for the public. We could mobilize and inform folks, then send a statement to the Parks' hearings.

Agreement:

- *Coordinating Council will meet on Feb 19th to have an in-depth budget conversation (see details below under items for Feb. 19th agenda).*
- *The Council will send a letter to City Council requesting that SUN Community Schools not be cut, after our February 19th Coordinating Council meeting.*

High School SUN Strategy

Diana distributed results of the first workgroup meeting to identify a list of core high school SUN services to recommend to the Council and Education Cabinet (see attached). At least one and possibly two more meetings will be held to develop those recommendations. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the meetings. See meeting dates below.

Upcoming Coordinating Council and Workgroup Meetings

Council members agreed to change our regular meeting time to the first Friday of the month, beginning in March. Council will meet on Feb. 19th to address key budget issues.

February 19th Coordinating Council agenda items include:

- In depth budget discussion, including information about the different SUN programs and funding sources
- Develop priorities to convey to Mayor, Chair, key funders
- Assign roles

March 5th Coordinating Council agenda items include:

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

Upcoming Council and Workgroup Meeting Dates/Times:

Coordinating Council: Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 8:30-10:30 a.m. Multnomah Building, Room 112 501 SE Hawthorne	Experimental Expansion: Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 3:00 p.m. DHS office: 2446 SE Ladd (20th & Division)	SUN High School Workgroup Meeting #2: Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 1:00-3:00pm Multnomah Building, Room 112 (501 SE Hawthorne	Tentative SUN High School Workgroup Meeting #3: Friday, Mar. 5, 2010 1:00-3:00pm Location TBD
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Future Coordinating Council Meetings: (All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Multnomah Bldg., Room 112.)

- **Fri. February 19, 2010**
- **Fri. March 5, 2010**
- **Fri. April 2, 2010**
- **Fri. May 7, 2010**
- **Fri. June 4, 2010**
- **Fri. July 2, 2010**

