

**SUN Service System Coordinating Council
Mutual Responsibility Workgroup Meeting**

August 8, 2008
Portland Building, Room 1302
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Lisa Turpel, Lorenzo Poe (Co-Chairs), Lori Kenney, Lorena Campbell, Anne Kroma (note-taker)

Two-pager

The discussion started with the idea of expressing the vision as opposed to the mission. Additions to the contributions portion have been made to include state money used for kid's mental health and federal money providing school lunch and other food programs. Godwin Nweren provided the statistics. The paper is on the right track for information and Diana Hall will continue to make changes/additions. There should be a clear distinction between sponsor partners and other partners.

There was the suggestion that the Service Integration Workgroup needs a tool like this two-pager. A closely related single-page document was shared with other workgroups and will be sent to the new Economic Self-Sufficiency group meeting on August 21st. Lorena will help in matching "apples to apples" across all school districts in order to include the updated numbers for 2007-2008 and perhaps even the 2008-2009 fiscal year information. There is a Sponsors Group meeting being scheduled for October.

Tasks for Mutual Responsibility Workgroup

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| • Definition of Mutual Responsibility | <u>COMPLETE</u> |
| • SUNSS Program Description (short sound byte) | <u>NEARLY COMPLETE</u> |
| • List of Benefits and Commitments | <u>STARTED, INCOMPLETE</u> |

The completed definition of mutual responsibility should provide clarity for and may lead to process questions from Sponsors. Having a meeting prior to the 2010 budget process will help facilitate buy-in. Mayor-Elect Sam Adams is focusing on education and has requested coming to the Sponsors Group meeting with Mayor Potter.

Gresham's Mayor Shane Bemis has become more involved with the escalating youth problems on the MAX line. The anti-poverty portion of SUNSS piggybacks onto safety

issues. The “Rockwood triangle” is an example of an area with this nexus of both crime and poverty and falls within both Portland and Gresham city limits.

The SUN Coordinating Council meeting is September 19th. The workgroups (Mutual Responsibility, Evaluation, Service Integration) are all due to report outcomes to the SUNCC at this meeting. Lorenzo and Lisa will provide this workgroup’s update, products and any recommendations.

Benefits and Commitments Discussion

In the title “Benefits and Contributions,” the word ‘Contributions’ was replaced with the word ‘Commitments’ since it reflects a stronger pledge, obligation and allegiance. The list of benefits could answer the question of why a Sponsor or Funder should care about this. Partnerships must strive for 50/50 give and receive, and more partners and sponsors and funders need to be included to leverage resources. The SUNSS offers the kind of collaboration that can expand resources exponentially.

There was a discussion about changing behavioral supports from a straight line to a pyramid. Partnerships serve 85% of the kids and will allow money to be available for the remaining 15%. The focus of the SUNSS should be on prevention so that those providing treatment can be focused on the small group actually needing that more clinical set of services.

A global viewpoint with collaborative partnerships means that they are all “our” kids. There is a need to hear the same message from all Sponsors and partners. Planning that focuses resources on the proper population will allow increased access. The more collaborative the Sponsors and partners are, the more people are served. If access is easy, the sense of community ownership will be advocated and sustained by the participants (i.e. clients).

Eliminating duplication of efforts will increase system capacity and be a more effective use of public resources. Serving the people close to home reduces costs to participants and to public resources and infrastructure.

The final meeting of the workgroup, scheduled for August 22nd will result in a Benefits and Commitments document to be read with a critical eye to make sure that the needs and cynicism of each stakeholder are addressed, to the best of the workgroup’s ability.

DRAFT Sponsor/Agency/Partner Commitments

- Pledge to the SUNSS Vision
- Share decision making by all Sponsors
- Contribute money to sustain the SUNSS

- Align all family service systems from Sponsors and other partners (County and non-County)
- Dedicate staff time to maintain (and possibly grow) the SUNSS (system coordination, program and contract oversight, program delivery and supervision)
- Contribute and build professional expertise among Sponsors and partners, especially in the areas of advocacy, outreach and consultation
- Communicate on all decisions and activities that directly affect the SUNSS
- Build the body of knowledge and best practices on related fields such as out-of-school-hours academic support, family success, anti-poverty service delivery, etc.
- Share data confidentially for deep service integration and to better identify participants (i.e. clients) in common
- Subscribe to a set of aligned performance measures and data collection processes

DRAFT Sponsor/Agency/Partner Benefits

- Broaden outreach to historically under served communities
- Linkage of programs and services across agencies and jurisdictions
- Simplifying access for participants (i.e. clients)
- Strengthening public goodwill
- Each agency can claim the success of the whole SUNSS, increasing results of each agency
- Focuses on prevention rather than remediation
- Frees up resources to focus treatment on the smaller system that receives third party reimbursements
- Increases productivity of workers of each agency, since they can really focus on what each does best
- Declares that all community's kids, and their families, are the responsibility of all partners
- Builds consistency around schools and school climate
- Planful approach to who needs services the most
- Builds a sense of community so that the participants help to sustain and advocate for it
- Coordinated resource allocation resulting in cost efficiencies and increased system capacity
- Serves people in their own neighborhoods, saving on urban infrastructure costs and tying into the "15-minute community" concept

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, August 22, 2008
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Portland Building, Room 1302
1120 SW 5th