

**SUN Service System Coordinating Council
System Integration and Alignment Workgroup Meeting**

July 9, 2008
Multnomah Building, Room 635
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Joanne Fuller (Chair), Barbara Kienle, Godwin Nwerem, Juli Beck, Deb Takach, Krista Larson, Diana Hall, Maxine Thompson, Lee Po Cha, Lori Kenney (staff)

Recap of Work to Date and Our Scope of Work

Krista Larson gave a brief recap of our last meeting, noting the work done to date and the Scope of Work agreed upon by the group. (See meeting notes for June 27, 2008 meeting.) In summary, there was recognition that “Large dreams require large thoughts and small steps” and the scope agreed upon by the group was worthy of such a large dream. The alignment effort we are undertaking involves a great deal of collaboration and integration.

Every School a SUN Community School

Diana Hall provided a rough projection to make every school a SUN Community School in Multnomah County. She noted that the \$93,000 site funding supports one full-time site manager, a part-time assistant, and approximately \$15-20,000 of programming. The rough projection was intended for internal conversation only at this point.

Questions/issues that will need to be addressed include:

- the appropriate level of funding for schools in each Poverty Index quartile
- the level of capacity expansion beyond just the current SUN Community Schools per-site funding necessary to make this a viable system and adequately support all the new schools
 - consider adding supportive services for Tier 1 schools, such as case management, and possibly for Tier 2 schools
- consider whether high schools not in the first quartile should be removed from this scenario
- while the current economic situation makes funding acquisition more challenging, it underscores the need for additional support for our families and community during difficult times
- develop a full understanding of the benefits to major partners (DHS, health system) for this effort

Group members discussed the importance of clearly describing the benefits and outcomes from this endeavor. Having every school a SUN CS would support other educational goals and is fully consistent with critical SUN goals.

Ultimately, this idea will need to be taken back to the Council to seek their full support. As we move forward, it will be important to have conversations with existing deep partners (such as Parks, CHIF) to discuss the compatibility of “Every School a SUN CS” with their goals and plans. Potential champions for the effort might include Dan Saltzman (champion of CHIF), Commissioner Nick Fish, and Mayor-elect Adams.

Group members requested foundational information on the SUN Service System to develop a clearer understanding of quartiles, core services, maps and funding.

Next Steps:

- *Group members should think about the following for a discussion at our next meeting:*
 1. *What are the different cut-off points for funding at each school?*
 2. *What service expansion is necessary to make this a viable system?*
- *Lori Kenney will compile foundational information on the SUN SS for the group.*

Sequential Alignment Conversations

Joanne noted that this is an underfunded system and although we all get frustrated by bumping up against resource limitations, we can, and need to focus on alignments that can be accomplished with existing resources. There are improvements to be made and it will enhance our creativity if we refrain from imposing too many structures and constraints as we carry out this work.

There was agreement to add the Health Department to our prioritized list of sequential conversations.

Members noted that resources vary in different parts of the system and there may well be some resources that have not been tapped yet. In the area of school funding, there may be especially effective ways of doing things at specific sites that could be brought to the systemic level. Many group members are already talking with other partners about alignment efforts, such as DHS and anti-poverty.

Next Steps:

- *Group members agreed to begin the sequential conversations with Anti-Poverty.*
- *At the next meeting, we will develop a list of stakeholders (PDC, HAP) who should be part of this discussion, how best to structure the conversation, and set a tentative date for the discussion.*

Workgroup Membership

The group agreed to discuss membership more fully at the next meeting, but noted that Liesl Wendt from the Mayor's office would be a good addition.

Next Steps:

- *Joanne will check with Lisa Turpel to see if someone from Parks can participate in our workgroup*

Invitation from Council Chair Poe

Group members agreed that rather than expanding the group for this macro-level conversation, it makes most sense to invite people to be part of the sequential conversations appropriate to their area. The importance of a provider be included in each of the workgroups was raised by Maxine.

Upcoming Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2008

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Multnomah Building, Room 625