

SUN Service System Coordinating Council System Integration and Alignment Workgroup Meeting

November 7, 2008
Multnomah Building, Room 635
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Joanne Fuller (Chair), Godwin Nwerem, Sonja Miller, Betty Schallberger, Rebecca Stavenjord, Mary Li, Diana Hall, Lee Po Cha, Lori Kenney (staff)

Because only County staff members were present for this meeting, Joanne made the decision to shorten the meeting and to attend to other agenda items when the full group meets again.

DHS and SUN Alignment

At the October 21st Sponsors Meeting, Dr. Bruce Goldberg with DHS expressed interested in working closely with SUN to foster further alignment. Joanne reported that Jerry Burns has since contacted her, wanting to set a meeting with County staff and all Multnomah County superintendents to discuss streamlining opportunities for DHS and SUN. The conversation at the Sponsors Meeting specifically gave Jerry some ideas that may have great benefit for all concerned. Plans are underway for the meeting: Lorena Campbell has agreed to facilitate and Joanne offered to have Lori Kenney staff the meeting. A date will be set shortly and information will be sent out to participants.

Mental Health Alignment

Participants discussed how to move forward on alignment for mental health. Joanne suggested that we first need to ascertain what the mental health issues are for SUN system folks on the ground: Is it access, the uninsured, or something else?

There was a brief discussion about State funding for BRS (Behavioral Health) and Mental Health (medical model) and associated allocation, flexibility and requirements.

Betty Schallberger reported that her data from the school-based mental health consultants is a substantial part of the reporting data for Prevention, Education and Outreach (PEO). She said her PEO data could be included to increase the amount of funding coming to Multnomah County in the future.

Group members discussed how the mental health system primarily focuses on “high end kids”, those who use a great deal of mental health services. Not all of those kids are accessing services in the SUN system. Joanne clarified that we need to direct our attention to the group of kids with mental health needs that are or could be served by SUN. That is where we will be looking for alignment opportunities.

SUN Mental Health Training and Conversation

Group members agreed to hold a 3 hour combination training/input gathering session in December.

Purpose:

1. Give participants some valuable training to inform and inspire
2. Get input from those who are on the ground working with SUN kids about their needs in the mental health area.

Audience:

- Line staff for SUN, site coordinators, case managers, providers, Child Welfare, Touchstone, Family Resource workers, Parent Child Development Services
- Note that regular school counselors are NOT the target audience

Content:

1. Training: Adolescent Brain Development (Julie Rosenzweig at PSU), including brief overview of the 40 Assets
2. Input: Develop an understanding of what SUN staff and providers want and need with regard to mental health.

Format/Detail for 3 hour Session:

- Joanne convenes the group, welcomes all, self introductions, introduction of speaker/trainer
- Presentation on Adolescent Brain Development (45 min.)
- Question and Answers about the presentation (30 min.)
- Networking Break (20 min.)
- Break out into small groups to discuss mental health needs/wants for SUN (small groups facilitated by County staff in the "collaborative team support" mode) (30 min.)
- Small groups report back to the full group (20 min.)
- Joanne provides a brief wrap up and discussion of next steps

When:

Potential dates include: Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, 16, 2008

Next Steps:

- Sonja Miller will contact Julie Rosenzweig at PSU to see if she is willing and available to present on any of the above dates. If Julie is not available, ask her for a recommendation.
- Lori Kenney will send out an email asking System Integration & Alignment members to send her a list of people they recommend should be invited to the meeting
- Once a date is set, an invitation/announcement will be sent out to all
- SUN staff will work with Lorena Campbell to get her assistance in recommending folks

Next Meeting

We will set the next meeting for the System Integration and Alignment workgroup at the November 21st Coordinating Council meeting when we have a larger group present to set a good date for all.