

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

December 3, 2010

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Joanne Fuller (Co-Chair), Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Lisa Turpel, Krista Larson, Roberta Phillip, Gloria Wiggins, Lisa Pellegrino, Barbara Kienle, Umulkher Abdullahi, Kali Ladd, Lorenzo Poe, Joshua Todd

Also Attending: Nate Waas Shull, Mary Richardson, Todd Diskin, Dunya Minoo, Suzanne Washington, Greg Belisle, Rachel Spigal, Rick Freed, Kamesha Robinson, Linda Castillo, Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Lori Kenney

Alt = alternate member

Updates/Announcements

- Lisa Turpel announced that this would be her last meeting as she is retiring. Her boss, Zari Santner, will sit in her Council seat on an interim basis until a permanent representative is designated. On behalf of the Council, Joanne presented Lisa with a plaque and framed art created by a SUN CS student. Members recognized Lisa's incredible contributions and work. All members, alternates and staff will miss Lisa's presence and perspective. We wish her the very best.
- Diana introduced Rick Freed, the SUN Hunger Relief Coordinator. Rick is working on getting food out to families and kids in the SUN Service System, with focus on the SUN Community Schools.
- Lisa Pellegrino reported on the outreach visit with Don Grotting, Superintendent at David Douglas. He would like to see our SUN partnership expand into early childhood and is supportive of the whole continuum. He sees SUN as providing integral academic support and plans to make SUN leadership/championship part of principals' evaluation. Since David Douglas High School is the largest high school in the state, he is very interested that it becomes a SUN CS.
- Lisa Turpel said the visit with Steve Rector, Superintendent of Centennial, went well and he seemed to have a good understanding of SUN. He focused primarily on three things: 1. Is very interested in pursuing connections with higher ed, based on their comments at the two Think Tanks; 2. Believes that principals and SUN need to be a strong fit and would like some definition on how principals can be strong allies of SUN; 3. Has a keen interest in Every School a SUN CS and wanted to know if there was a plan for this.
- Bill said the Portland Schools Foundation visit with Dan Ryan and Nate Waas Shull included a discussion of how SUN can bring things together to support the Cradle to Career mission through coordinated services to kids.
- No additional outreach visits are scheduled at this time.
- Nate Waas-Shull from Portland Schools Foundation (PSF) gave an overview of the recent meeting at Parkrose Middle School where Dan Ryan shared information on the Cradle to Career process to date and where it is headed. The meeting was a joint meeting of the Leaders Roundtable and Education Cabinet, with 70-80 people in attendance. Both groups agreed to fold their work into the larger Cradle to Career framework which will focus on: 1. Engaging a broader group of people to advance a broad vision with better outcomes for Cradle to Career, and 2. Advancing strategies to accomplish this, such as Every School a SUN CS. Kali said the Mayor's Office will be making a request at the December 15th City Council meeting for transition funding for PSF this year and more funding for next year. PSF has acquired a \$75,000 grant with PSU from Strive, with the possibility of an additional \$25,000 next year. PSF's major focus is on fund development, creating a business plan and forming governance. Joanne Fuller and others are serving on a committee to make recommendations for who will serve on the Cradle to Career board. PSF is looking forward to determining how to link with SUN. Many groups are offering assistance and PSF is working on a simple and concise plan for how to involve each group. They envision the working groups will be formed by convening with one key partner. Joanne suggested that the Council consider adding a seat for PSF. We will vote on this at the January meeting.

- Peggy passed along some good news and good national publicity for SUN in an on-line article [SUN Shines on Portland Students / National Education Association Priority Schools Campaign](http://neaprioritieschools.org/2010/12/02/sun-shines-on-portland-students/). “For the past 10 years, Portland and the neighboring districts in **Multnomah County** have developed an extensive after-school program, which now reaches about two fifths of the schools, all in low-income neighborhoods. ...” Click on the following link for the entire article:
<http://neaprioritieschools.org/2010/12/02/sun-shines-on-portland-students/>

Marshall Closure Recommendation

Lisa Pellegrino opened a discussion about where to reallocate the Children's Levy SUN CS funding that is currently at Marshall, now that Marshall will be closing. The PPS plan is for Marshall Biz Tech to move to Franklin and students from the other two small schools will be moving to Madison. There are 80 Marshall catchment students at Madison now and 241 kids at Franklin who live in the Marshall area. PPS estimates that an equal number of students will go to Franklin and Madison. Barbara said that less than 30 students are applying for transfer to David Douglas. She reminded members that David Douglas has the largest high school, with 78% poverty across the district; 72% at the high school.

Lisa distributed the Council Allocation document to remind folks about the Council's allocation guidelines that focus around poverty, but also leave room to use discretion in individual situations. Marshall is 14th on the Poverty Index; Madison ranks 30th and does have a SUN CS; Franklin ranks 59th (50% of students are on free and reduced lunch) and currently has no SUN CS. Lisa said it was unlikely the Children's Levy would agree to split the funding, given it was a small amount (\$103-106,000). Lisa said the key question was whether the money follows the kids or whether it goes to fund the highest poverty.

Lorenzo said PPS wants Marshall kids to have the same services they are now receiving at their new school. With the move, more poverty will be going to Franklin, which will likely change their ranking. Franklin currently has ASPIRE, after school clubs and activities and a mental health counselor two days a week. PPS would like school-based Step Up and drop-out prevention grants to follow the kids to Franklin. The Franklin principal is asking for support. PPS is working on additional support for the new kids at Madison. Marshall SUN staff would all move to Franklin, if that is the decision.

Members offered many comments for this very difficult decision, many saying it was the hardest they have faced as a Council member.

- Marshall students will be under great stress, having to move schools during high school. This created transition puts kids at higher risk. It's important to consider the supportive relationships that have been developed and could support those kids during that difficult transition. Marshall kids already feel punished. This continuity of support to a person they know is very important. There is fear that Marshall kids could be lost without support.
- As a provider, Impact Northwest wants to follow the kids and continue providing the services they have been receiving.
- There are pockets of high need students at schools like Franklin and Grant, even though they rank lower on the poverty index.
- There is a possibility the City could contribute some funding toward a SUN CS at David Douglas.
- Lisa P. did not know whether there might be other Levy funding available that could go toward David Douglas.
- Concern about Madison's SUN program being overloaded.
- Recognition that equity should be taken into consideration, given there are fewer SUN CS in mid and east county.
- This issue underscores the huge need for a universal system via Every School a SUN CS.
- Is this a key time to bring the Sponsors to the table to discuss this difficult issue? We would need an additional \$125,000 to create a SUN CS at David Douglas HS. Could convene a small group of Sponsors to address this issue, rather than pulling together the full group.
- Need to give PPS and the schools time to plan; having a Sponsor's meeting would delay things and possibly create extra hardship on the schools.

After this very difficult discussion, Bill asked Council members to vote. Members voted 9-3 that the funding follow the kids to Franklin.

Next Steps:

- *Lisa P. will take Council's recommendation that the funding follow the Marshall kids to Franklin to the December 7th Children's Levy Board Meeting.*
- *Bill and Joanne will convene a small group of Sponsors to raise the dilemma confronted by the Council, to discuss the issue of generating funding for David Douglas and to strategize ways to bring public awareness to this issue.*

Budget and Grant News

Members briefly shared budget updates for their agencies. Lisa T. said things are not quite as bad with the City; it looks like the cut may be 3% rather than 5%. Joanne said the County General Fund deficit is looking more like \$5.5 million rather than the predicted \$11 million. If the cuts are an anticipated 2%, Joanne anticipates prioritizing SUN, rather than including it in the across the board cuts. Lorenzo said PPS is facing a \$40 million cut. A priority-based budget process is underway and contract negotiations are in process. Barbara said David Douglas will be cutting \$10-14 million. They will be looking at what is mandatory, prioritizing, inevitably cutting a lot of supports to kids and cutting 90-150 staff.

PPS has four schools with expiring 21CCLC grants that fund SUN CS or similar efforts: They are Harrison Park, Boise Eliot and Vernon SUN CS and Rosa Parks, which has a community school run by Boys and Girls Club. The 21CCLC grant expires on June 30th. PPS also has a supplemental grant to add services at five SUN CS which is going to 75% funding in FY12. The State has not put out an RFP for additional 21CCLC grants. The superintendent is very supportive of SUN and wants to minimize the impact on services to kids but given this dire situation, things are very uncertain. The County also is the lead on an expiring 21CCLC grant that funds Lynch Wood SUN CS in Centennial School District.

Wellness Initiative Draft Policy

Diana distributed a draft Wellness Initiative Policy for the Council's review and direction as to format and content. The objective of the initiative is to raise the bar on wellness and to impact obesity, with minimum funding impact. Kamesha Robinson, the SUN Wellness Coordinator, and Diana have been working with providers and program folks to shape the policies based on current practice and research. The draft policies will be piloted in SUN CS this winter to observe the outcomes. Council members requested an impact statement describing how it would impact contracts and budget. Diana asked for input prior to the January 7th Council meeting on the format and whether the detail in each of the four areas looked appropriate. Is this the kind of document the Council wants when it is creating guidelines and policy? Please give specifics if you have suggested changes. Todd said he would seek input from the Multnomah Youth Commission and the Youth Wellness Committee.

Next Steps:

- *Please send input on the draft policy to Diana Hall before January 7th, 2011 at diana.c.hall@multco.us*

Framework for FY2011 Work Plan

Diana distributed results of the Zoomerang survey, which gave members and alternates an opportunity to register their priority work areas for the FY2011 work plan. There was a 54% response rate to the survey. She also provided an updated work plan with the first two tiers of priorities included from the survey (The first two tiers from the survey are shown below.)

Priorities	Opportunities	# Responses
Tier 1	Every School a SUN CS Business Model Development	11
	Educational/School Resources: Title I and other cash/non-cash resources	7
	Higher Education: Systemic partnership with higher education	6
Tier 2	Housing, Self-Sufficiency & Workforce: Systemic partnerships with Worksystems, Housing and other agencies	4
	Equity Leadership efforts	4
	Neighborhood Focus: Develop neighborhoods as focal point for change, stabilization, connection and resource development	4

Members agreed that it would be too much to take on both Tier 1 and Tier 2, given this is a difficult budget year and there will be many legislative issues. We will not need a workgroup now for Cradle to Career as Every School a SUN CS will likely be the focus. Members said they are interested in leadership having a conversation about equity issues. The following workgroups with initial thoughts on membership were agreed as priority focus areas for FY2011:

Priority area Workgroups for FY2011	Lead	Members	Staff
Every School a SUN CS	Bill Scott	Todd Diskin MYC Reps & linkage	Lori Kenney
Higher Education	Kali Ladd (poss) Steve Rector and/or Emily Gilliland	Lorenzo Poe Todd Diskin Superintendents WSI Duncan Wyse?	
Self Sufficiency and Child Welfare	Josh Todd		

Next Steps:

- Council members and alternates are to select workgroup(s) to serve on and notify Lori Kenney at lori.kenney@multco.us. If you know of folks outside the Council who would be good members of one of the workgroups, please let us know and we will contact them to see if they are available and willing to serve on the workgroup. Please let Lori know if your organization can provide staffing for either the Higher Education or Self Sufficiency and Child Welfare work groups.
- Work group leads will set initial meetings and develop a scope of work in each workgroup.

Upcoming Council and Workgroup Meeting Dates/Times:

Coordinating Council:

Friday, January 7, 2011

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Multnomah Building, Room 635

501 SE Hawthorne

Future Coordinating Council Meetings*:

(*All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Multnomah Building)

Friday, February 4, 2011, Room 635

Friday, March 4, 2011, Room 635

Friday, April 1, 2011, Room 112

Friday, May 6, 2011, Room 112

Friday, June 3, Room 112