

SUN Service System Coordinating Council Core Services Workgroup

August 17, 2007
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Judy Strand, Erika Silver, Vanetta Abdellatif, Diane Feldt, Diana Hall, Joanne Fuller (Chair), Peggy Samolinski, Tou Cha, Nicole Croft, Fatima Schoemaker, Angye Tilley, Barbara Kienle, Polly Burton, Lisa Turpel, Linda Castillo, Dunya Minoo, Mary Li, Marina Rulevskaya, Cardella Hopson, May Cha

SUN Service System Scope of Services Affirmation

Lisa Turpel, Angye Tilley, and Suzanne Washington met recently to draft an affirmation statement for review by the Coordinating Council. This statement was intended to clarify confusion about the scope of the SUN Service System. Specific services were mentioned in the document, and it was determined that this may be premature to present to the Council since the Core Services Workgroup is still working on their recommendations. Several people suggested some word changes to the document. This document will continue to be refined at the next couple meetings to prepare to present to the Council on Sep 21.

Target Population

Workgroup members continued discussion about the primary target population for the SUN Service System. Joanne Fuller shared the discussion the Coordinating Council had about this topic, specifically whether to include ages 0-5 as part of the primary target population. Although the Coordinating Council made no decisions about this, the following points were discussed:

- Is there an early childhood system? There are varying views on this, and the question seems to be part of the reason why people are having a hard time deciding whether or not 0-5 should or shouldn't be part of the SUN Service System target population. It is not a system organized in the same way as the SUN Service System.
- The SUN Service System shouldn't ignore ages 0-5.
- One of the implications of including 0-5 may be that some funds need to shift from serving school-age to serving early childhood.
- Whatever the target population is, we shouldn't abandon the desire and need to connect and link more with other early childhood services.
- One proposal that was raised was to view SUN Service System *funding* as targeting school-age children, but *system ownership* would include early childhood services. In this way, it would be agreed upon that coordination, deep linkages, and collaboration needs to occur for services across early childhood and school-age in order to reach system outcomes.

Further discussion of this by the workgroup emphasized the importance of early childhood services and its contribution to academic success. However, points were raised about not wanting to shift the already limited resources from school-age to early childhood and acknowledging that services targeting ages 0-5 need specialized expertise and are not delivered in the same way as school-age services.

The discussion culminated with a recommendation to define the target population in the following way: for school-based services, the primary target population would be school-age children, and services for 0-5 would come through the anti-poverty system of the SUN Service System. No final decision was made.

Service Prioritization

Members prioritized the broad categories of services that should be a part of the SUN Service System. This is captured in the attached Service Prioritization document dated Aug 22, 2007 (available on the Core Services Workgroup web page accessible via www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc).

Cardella Hopson, Polly Burton, Angye Tilley, and Peggy Samolinski will meet to work on a definition of case management in preparation for the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Friday, September 7, 2007
8:30-11:30 a.m.
Multnomah Building, Room 315