

SUN Service System Coordinating Council

September 21, 2007

8:30-9:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Krista Larson, Barb Kienle, Lisa Turpel, Willie Poinsette, Jerry Burns, Lisa Pellegrino, Joanne Fuller, Bill Scott, Lolenzo Poe (Chair)

alt = alternate representative for Council member

Also Attending: Jim Schlachter, Hector Roche, May Cha, Diana Hall, Peggy Samolinski

Announcements

Joanne Fuller acknowledged and thanked Peggy Samolinski and Diana Hall for their work in pulling together the SUN Service System (SUN SS) RFP input sessions. The next step with this is to identify the key/critical issues that surfaced at these meetings and determine which are issues that the Department of Human Services needs to make decisions about and which need to be brought to the Coordinating Council or elsewhere for input and decisions.

The SUN SS recently received an Oregon Department of Education Award for Outstanding Community/School Partnership at an award ceremony during a County Board meeting, recognizing all the collaborating organizations. The Coordinating Council acknowledged the outstanding work of the partners.

Workgroups Update and Discussion

Allocation Workgroup

This group will be wrapping up their work at the meeting on September 28. They are formally writing up their recommendations for allocation of school-based and school-linked services.

- It is important to emphasize that all of the recommendations are still in the exploratory phase, and no decisions have been made yet.
- If poverty is going to be used as one of the indicators, there will probably be some recommendations made to adjust allocation of services due to shifts in poverty across the County.

Core Services Workgroup

Two fundamental issues were brought to the Coordinating Council for their input: Determining the target population for the SUN SS and defining the SUN SS.

Target Population

The main issue under discussion is whether or not to include ages 0-5 (Early Childhood) in the target population for the SUN SS. Individual input from the Coordinating Council included the following:

- There is a need for a better understanding of the implications of not including this age group.
- There was a concern about the impact of this on anti-poverty services.
- We should be integrated and targeting all families with children of all ages. It is important to find some way to engage in dialogue with the people who are building the early childhood system. Ultimately, we can't separate the two because of the importance of this integration. Integration should be a long-term goal, but we should start considering it now in order to reach this goal.
- The narrower the purpose and goal of the SUN SS, the more likely it is to be successful. The long-term goal could be to have more of an integrated system, but the SUN SS should really focus its efforts initially in order to ensure success.
- Due to the limited funding available to serve the school-age population, we need to target that group and focus on expansion of resources. If we include 0-5, we may lose the capacity to expand.
- All residents of Multnomah County can be considered "target population." However, the specific resources and funding streams in the system may be targeted more specifically.
- What does "school-age" mean? Does this include pre-K children who are in school?

No decisions were made about this. Ultimately, the Coordinating Council needs to articulate a position on this.

Partnership Definitions & Expectations

A document was distributed to the members that defines the SUN Service System through articulation of the two participation levels of partners and the expectations associated with each level of participation. This document clarifies the expectations, roles and responsibilities of current partners and also provides a way for new partners to participate. The two levels of participation that are defined are "collaboration" and "coordination." Council members read and approved the document. This document will serve as a foundation for the determination of which services are core to the SUN Service System.

This document, entitled *SUN SS Working Partnership Definitions*, can be found online at www.co.multnomah.or.us/suncc on the "Core Services Workgroup" page.

Timeline

The SUN Service System RFP process and the budget season are both currently driving the timeline of the Coordinating Council. In order to meet some of these critical timelines, the Coordinating Council and the Workgroups will need to quickly move forward in the next couple months. A timeline of meeting dates and times was distributed.

Next Meeting

Coordinating Council

Friday, October 19, 2007

8:30 a.m.-Noon (This is an extended session. Workgroup recommendations will be presented and discussed at this meeting.)

Multnomah Building, **Room 315**
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