

## SUN Service System Coordinating Council

July 20, 2007  
8:30-10:30 a.m.

### MEETING NOTES

#### Attendance

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**Members Present:** Krista Larson, Barbara Kienle, Lisa Pellegrino, Joanne Fuller, Jerry Burns, Dunya Minoo (alt), Lorenzo Poe (Chair)

alt = alternate representative for Council member

**Also Attending:** Hector Roche, May Cha, Diana Hall, Susan Stoltenberg, Peggy Samolinski

#### County Parameters related to Council Workgroup Efforts

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Joanne Fuller provided a report back to the group to clarify questions members had about parameters related to the RFP process and workgroup efforts. This was based on a meeting between her, Council Chair Lorenzo Poe, and County Chair Ted Wheeler.

She emphasized that Chair Wheeler wants to make sure there is broad discussion and input about the SUN Service System services and design. Although certain parameters exist, there are opportunities available for people to provide feedback and input in these areas. The parameters are aspects of the SUN Service System that will continue based on the framework in policy [School-Age policy Framework]. The following are the parameters for the Council work related to the RFP process:

- **Culturally Specific Services:** These services will continue to be provided through the SUN Service System. They will be funded at least at the same level, and an increase in funding would be considered if the Council recommends this. The preference is to have the Communities of Color recommend how these resources are allocated as they did previously. However, Chair Wheeler is also open to any recommendations made by the Allocation Methodology Workgroup related to the distribution of these services. The Department of County Human Services (DCHS) will be holding an input session on this topic in August/early September (details TBD).
- **Anti-Poverty Services:** These services will be allocated based on the recommendations from the Anti-Poverty providers. This group will make these recommendations to the Allocation Methodology Workgroup. There are a lot of questions and issues related to these services, including how closely should they link to the SUN Service System? If they are linked to the SUN Service System, what does this mean? The Department of County Human Services (DCHS) will be holding an input session on this topic in August/early September (details TBD).
- **System Structure:** The inclination is to keep the system structure the same and make adjustments where needed based on input and recommendations. The Department of County Human Services (DCHS) will be holding an input session on this topic on August 13, 2007 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Precinct (449 NE Emerson).

Except for those parameters outlined above, all other SUN Service System services are open to input and recommendations received from the Coordinating Council Workgroups and DCHS input sessions. The

final decision based on these recommendations will be made by the Coordinating Council. If the Council can't come to a decision, Joanne Fuller as the Director of DCHS will make these decisions.

A schedule of the SUN Service System procurement planning input sessions was distributed to everyone and is included as an attachment to these notes.

## **Decision-Making**

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The group had decided when it first came together that consensus would be the option for how decisions are made in the group. This means that the group will arrive at decisions that everyone can support and for which they can advocate.

Members discussed and came to an agreement that the group leader, Lorenzo Poe, would serve as the fallback option when the group is unable to reach consensus. The group will strive to reach as much of a consensus as possible before using the fallback option.

## **Joint Ownership**

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Lorenzo Poe led another discussion about the meaning of joint ownership within the SUN Service System. He opened up the discussion for members to share input they received from their leadership and constituents in response to the previous discussion and set of questions that came out of it.

The following are points that were brought up during this discussion:

### **School District Input**

- In-kind contributions, especially the use of school buildings, should be considered as part of the "financial" contribution associated with the definition of joint ownership.
- In general, the districts feel their role is to provide academic services and not social services. For those academic services provided through the SUN Service System, the districts would consider supporting them with district resources since this would be in line with the charge and goals of the districts.
- A recurring issue that people had when providing input was whether contribution to the system would take the form of purchasing pieces of the system or whether it would be pooled/shared resources.
- Districts should make a financial contribution proportionate to the services received
- It's difficult for districts to make financial commitments if funding for the programs is in doubt each year. If district contribute funding they need some assurance of stability in programs.

### **City of Portland Input**

- City of Portland is already contributing financially to the system and, therefore, is committed to the idea of joint ownership of the system.
- The definition of joint ownership should also take into consideration other types of contributions, and financial contribution by partners should be related to the goals and missions of the specific partner (school districts = academics).
- In response to the question of whether partners would agree to the recommendations made by the Coordinating Council, the input was that it would be dependent on the specific recommendations.

- In order to truly pool resources, a new administrative entity would need to be created. Therefore, it appears that the only way to do this is to contribute to fund pieces of the system. Ultimately then, this comes down to what pieces and how it's organized.

### **Oregon Department of Human Services**

- In order to consider financial contribution to the system, we need to know what we're buying and what the outcomes are for what we're buying.
- What is the mechanism for doing this (pooling/sharing financial resources)?
- What are our linkages? What does being a joint owner entitle us to?

### **Non-Profit Providers**

- Krista Larson shared an analysis of the total cash and in-kind contributions made by Metropolitan Family Service, which was well beyond the baseline funding of \$90,000 provided for each SUN Community School site. The challenge is that most of the contributions are restricted for specific use.

### **General Points and Questions**

- How much will partners need to contribute in order to be a joint owner?
- Philosophically, partners are on board with the idea of joint ownership. However, they are not ready to make specific additional financial commitments without a better understanding of what they'd be specifically contributing towards.
- We need a strategic plan for getting buy-in from policymakers and leaders.

The joint ownership discussion will be continued at the next Coordinating Council meeting. Meanwhile, members were asked to continue to gather input from the groups and organizations they represent, particularly from their leadership.

## **Workgroups Check-In**

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### **Allocation Methodology Workgroup**

This group is working on arriving at an allocation formula and process for SUN Community Schools and School-Based Services while waiting for the parameters to discuss the other services. They've discussed the variables that should be taken into account when choosing sites, including crime, housing, free/reduced lunch, and ELL. The group concluded that poverty encapsulates all of these variables. This workgroup will be reviewing several options for how to allocate resources at their next meeting on July 27.

### **Core Services Workgroup**

This workgroup has developed a rough draft of a logic model for the ideal SUN Service System which includes short, intermediate, and long-term outcomes for the system as well as services that drive to each of these outcomes. The next steps will be to identify those services that are drivers to multiple outcomes and prioritize which services should be delivered through the SUN Service System. Group members will then take this information and gather more input and feedback from their constituents before moving forward to talk about base level amounts of service.

## **Communication**

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Lorenzo Poe is planning on sending a letter from the Chair's office in August to policymakers and leaders to update them on the work of the Council and let them know about the critical question of joint ownership

that is before the Council now. The intent is to help with visibility of the conversation, give an opportunity for leaders to ask questions, and assist Council members in raising this question internally.

Council members agreed that they would like to see a draft of the letter before it gets sent. A draft of the letter will be brought to the August 17 meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

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#### **Coordinating Council**

Friday, August 17, 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
Multnomah Building, **Room 315**  
501 SE Hawthorne