SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting
April 3, 2015
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Lolenzo Poe (Co-Chair), Eileen Argentina, Lee Po Cha, James Hiu, Kathy Keim-Robinson, Rick Nitti, Lisa Pellegrino, Aaron Ridings, Pat Ryan, Peggy Samolinski

Also Attending: Sandi Blackwood, Amy Corbett, Jorge Cruz, Caroline Fitz, Emily Gilliland, Josh Green, Diana Hall, Kendra Johnson, Gina Kim-Fulston, Lisa Kulkarni, Peggy Norman, Trystan Reese, Rachel Spigal, Jill Weir

Introductions/Announcements

Attendees introduced themselves. These announcements were made:
- Lee Po Cha has been named the new CEO of IRCO
- Bill Scott has been awarded this year's Gladys McCoy Citizen award, Multnomah County's annual award for long term dedication to community service and citizen involvement
- Aaron Ridings will be leaving the Chair's office April 23 for an opportunity in Washington D.C.

Updates

Process for RFP Questions
Peggy Samolinski provided an update on Liesl Wendt's behalf regarding the process for answering two questions in advance of the SUN Service System RFP: 1) definition of culturally specific services 2) proportion of budget allocation to culturally specific services. The first question is being addressed by a county-level group led by Marissa Madrigal. It will offer county-wide guidelines. The allocation question is being addressed by a workgroup led by Liesl Wendt that will hold its first meeting April 30. The Theory of Change will serve as its foundational document. A consumer input process has been launched to inform the allocation decision.

Caroline Fitz described the consumer input process that will ask youth what is working for them about SUN Services using a handout (embedded below). It will include 14 focus groups with 140 youth. Focus groups will be specifically designated for: engaged/less engaged kids, kids served by culturally specific programming, and kids receiving case management services. Focus groups will be held from mid-April through May. A report with input results will be issued in July. Thanks to the agencies who have offered to host focus groups.

SUN Focus Groups

Budget Updates
Lisa Pellegrino announced that the Portland Children's Levy allocation group is meeting to allocate additional funds from the revised revenue forecast. Lisa has made a staff proposal to set aside a fund for partnership development. She may ask Council members to weigh in with their thoughts at an Allocation Committee meeting.

The state proposed budget of 7.2 billion for the biennium is challenging for school districts:
- The PPS budget release has been delayed until April 14; it is a "hold" year with no new investments
- Parkrose will be making cuts due to expiring grants
- Gresham-Barlow will cut 25 FTE or 14 days over the two-year period

- The City of Portland has some additional one-time only funding and some new on-going funding. Parks is looking at some new things
- The County also has some additional one-time only funding and some new on-going funding. The budget will be released on May 7

Workplan

SUN co-chairs and staff recommend that the Council develops a new workplan to guide and direct our work strategically. The last formal workplan was in 2011. Peggy distributed a workplan template based on past workplans and the new long term model for depth.

Attendees divided themselves into three groups and used the template to generate thoughts on goals, strategies, and actions. SUN staff will compile and distill today's input. Each group shared the broad highlights of its discussion:

Group A
- Add columns for outcomes, and who is responsible to the template
- Increase outreach to school boards
- Increase alignment with the Regional Arts Council and the post-secondary collaborative

Group B
- Increase presentations from non-SUN partners
- Share equity tools – what are people using, what do people like?
- Consider more state level involvement in sustainable funding
- There is a tension between adding depth in existing SUN schools and "Every School a SUN CS School"

Group C
- Let's share our agency equity initiatives with each other (possible field trips)
- Add "anti-poverty" services row to Systems Alignment section
- Add row in System Development section for "living stability" e.g. energy and housing assistance
- Add anti-poverty resources to SUN
- A dedicated mental health presence in needed at sites

System Outcome Review

Diana Hall used a Power Point presentation and the *SUN Service System Goals and Outcomes* handout to present proposed outcomes for the System, to begin with the new RFP process (see embedded below). SUN staff have reviewed and revised the outcomes externally and internally, and sought closer alignment with other partners like the Children's Levy and All Hands Raised. We want Council member feedback on the reasonableness and validity of the proposed outcomes. Will this set of outcomes include what we need to see how well we are doing?

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These discussion points were raised:
- SUN touches on post-secondary education but we have never tried to measure its effect
- Separate SUN schools and non SUN schools
- Disaggregate evaluative data by elementary, middle, and high school
- It is important to measure both who is meeting benchmarks and who is improving

There was general agreement that these proposed outcomes are valid, reasonable and a good basis for evaluating SUN's effectiveness.