

SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

December 4, 2015
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Bill Scott (Co-chair), Eileen Argentina, Molly Day, Gerald Deloney, Rene Duboise, Barbara Kienle, Kim Melton, Rick Nitti, Lee Po Cha, Lori Silverman, Nate Waas Shull, Liesl Wendt

Also Attending: Sophorn Cheang, Amy Corbett, Diana Hall, Joshua Green, Nancy Jason, Kendra Johnson, Lisa Kulkarni, Peggy Samolinski, Curtis Scott, Dana Spears-Talbot, Judy Strand Jaquetta White

Introductions/Announcements

Eileen Argentina introduced Curtis Scott, the new SUN Community School supervisor for Portland Parks. This is a new position.

Updates

- A subgroup of this Council will meet Monday, December 7 to follow-up on the ideas generated at the October Council meeting and begin to determine the path forward
- The SUN Request for Proposal is out. Proposals are due December 21

2016 Budget Planning

Bill Scott noted that it is time to start planning for Fiscal Year (FY) 17. Members shared these thoughts on the preliminary financial picture for their organization:

- Portland Parks has been asked to prepare budgets with a 5% reduction; largely due to an emphasis on other City priorities like homelessness
- Multnomah County's first forecast just came in. While revenues this year look good, they are projected to decrease in subsequent years. There are also likely increases in existing indirect costs, especially PERS
- The Department of County Human Services is preparing for a cut year. There will be an emphasis on focus and depth vs. breadth of service
- School districts here today have not started budgeting yet. Early projections are for a hold year at best. PERS will affect district budgets too

Peggy Samolinski provided an update on action areas we identified for FY 2016 using a handout (embedded below). She highlighted the large, new investment in attendance supports and noted that funding is one-time only. A portion of the funding for new community schools was one time only.



Councilhandout

These discussion points ensued:

- Two political factors to be aware of are the Portland Mayoral race, and the “lame duck” County Commissioners
- The new SUN RFP model is consistent with the identified need for culturally specific youth case management
- SUN sites are underfunded; they depend on contractor subsidies
- Promise Neighborhood projects are not included in the handout. We will provide an update at the next Council meeting
- Let's have a discussion about State dollars; this is how we started
- There are evaluative mechanisms in place to gauge the success of the attendance work

- The change in the school to a culture of attendance is paramount
- We need to link school attendance to other results like 3rd grade reading and family stability
- DHS pilot project is going well and commitment is continuing; culture change has not yet occurred in all schools

Bill Scott asked members for their thoughts on engaging decision makers. These ideas were shared:

- Superintendents buy-in to attendance model is important
- Set up meetings to update City of Portland officials, especially on the new SUN RFP
- The Council should get a presentation on the DHS pilot project
- SUN transition funding will need political support
- We did a SUN briefing for Ted Wheeler
- It is vital to show the connections between SUN and other county priorities like family stability

Differentiated Funding

While we don't want to build unrealistic expectations, we want to keep the issue of differentiated funding on the table. It was highlighted in the SUN Depth Model we did last year, and SUN Sponsors agreed in principle. Base funding for large, complex schools is inadequate. Funding also has not even kept up with cost of living increases.

Diana distributed and reviewed the Long Term Depth Model that we developed last fall (inserted below). The model, based on research and best practices, is the basis for the new investments we made this year.

She also distributed a handout with discussion points.



SUN CS Long Term
Model Recommendation



SUN LT Model for
Depth graphic



Differentiated
Funding Discussion Points

These discussion points followed:

- It is important to develop a model, even without the prospect of new short-term investments
- Let's lay out the true costs of operating a quality SUN site
- There is a tension between adding new SUN Community Schools and adding depth to existing schools
- Consider establishing a contingency fund for emergencies at SUN sites (e.g. Roosevelt homelessness, refugee influxes)
- It's important to look at what we are doing now and examine if this is the best use of funds to address the needs. Are we getting it right?
- What results would we get from differentiated funding?
- Service delivery that is local and focused on the whole family and whole community is important

Next Steps

SUN staff will revisit earlier calculations on differentiated funding over the course of this fiscal year and update the Council on the process. The ultimate goal would be to develop a methodology for different funding levels and estimated cost.

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

Next Coordinating Council Meeting:

Friday, January 8, 2016

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Multnomah Building, 112

501 SE Hawthorne, 1st floor

Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative

Friday, January 15, 2016

8:00 am Newcomer orientation

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location TBD

Future Coordinating Council Meetings*:

*(*All are from 8:30-10:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise)*

Friday, February 5, Room 635

Friday, March 4, Room 635