

SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

July 8, 2016
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Lolenzo Poe (Co-chair), Eileen Argentina, Lee Po Cha, Rene Duboise, James Hiu, Tony Hopson, Kim Melton, Nate Waas Shull, Liesl Wendt

Also Attending: Ronnie Cano, Joel Cisneros, Amy Corbett, Diana Hall, Kendra Johnson, Lisa Kulkarni, Peggy Samolinski, Curtis Scott

Introductions/Announcements

Gresham-Barlow School District plans to seek approval for bond funding to match an \$8 million state grant.

Updates

- Multnomah County Dept. of County Human Services (DCHS) saw only a few cuts in the final FY17 county budget. A Joint Office of Homeless services was formed. The new unit, combining city and county resources, will report to the Multnomah County Chair. DCHS is uniting three divisions: the SUN Service System, anti-poverty services and domestic violence services in to a new Youth & Family Division. An innovation fund has been created within the SUN Service System to test new ideas on a one-time-only basis
- New SUN contracts are in place, and overall the transition went very well. Organizations worked together for smooth handoffs; the \$404,000 of transition funding was integral to the successful changeover. The meetings SUN staff convened at schools transitioning agencies was also key to the good transition

SUN Leadership Planning

Members reviewed a draft SUN Service System Council Charter (inserted below) independently. Members paired up to discuss the draft charter and reported out on their discussion:

- The increased community engagement is timely
- There is an appetite and support for increased youth engagement on the part of the County Chair and Commissioner Shiprack
- Add detail to the purpose statement with bullet points
- Include the voice of parents and emerging local community organizations



SUN Council charter
draft

Diana presented a proposal for a new SUN Council structure and membership using a Power Point slide (embedded below). The proposal came from Council input, consultations with experts in implementing organizational equity efforts and the input of the SUN Leadership Workgroup.



Proposed Council
Structure

A discussion ensued about increasing the voice of youth on the Council:

- Training for adults is important to make a youth-adult partnership work
- Council meeting time would need to move to accommodate school schedules
- Is the Multnomah Youth Commission the right vehicle for incorporating youth voice into SUN?
- We need a youth voice that reflects SUN system participants
- Youth should have their own space and be able to define it vs. having adults dominate

Diana asked members to review a list of potential membership on the new Council (both on the Charter handout and on a chart pack display) and offer any additions or comments. If everyone on the potential membership list was added, the Council could be too large to be functional. The SUN Leadership Workgroup recommended a balance of race/ethnicity and gender, as well as between folks representing sponsor organizations/institutions and others. These discussion points ensued:

- Add Worksystems to the list; they are an important player in our mission
- The reality is that senior level managers in Portland are largely white
- All Hands Raised specifies that ½ its Board is people of color. It also maintains a CEO group that is largely white
- Consider setting a number/% target for people of color on the new Council. Fifty percent people of color was suggested as a target.

Members used dots to vote for the sectors that they would prioritize to have represented on the new Council. At the conclusion of the voting, members examined the results to get a sense of the prevailing views. Photos of the results are inserted below.



DotVotingPage1



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These comments followed:

- Should we reduce the number of representatives from the city and county?
- Both Parks & Recreation and the Children's Levy have direct impact on the SUN system
- The Health Department is important because it provides services in schools. Access to mental health in schools is a missing piece
- The shifts in demographics make the East County voice more important
- United Way works with many of the same nonprofit agencies as SUN; they are one of the SUN Sponsors
- Could one person on the Council represent multiple sectors?
- Consider two seats for regional providers, one from East County and one from elsewhere

SUN staff will synthesize this input and create a recommendation for the SUN Sponsors.

A proposed timeline for the transition to the new Council structure was displayed and reviewed (see attachment below)



Council Transition
Timeline

Since there will be a transition to the new structure and membership in November, the September meeting of the current Council will be a final meeting of this group and celebration of its work over the last 9 years.

Dashboard Development

Peggy Samolinski reviewed a proposal for a Data & Evaluation subcommittee of the SUN Council. This is an evolution of the earlier idea that the Council as a whole having that responsibility. She used a chart pack page to show these proposed roles of the new subcommittee:

- Develop process & framework for the group & data review. Set the path
- Review data points/discuss
- Analyze data
- Come back to Council to discuss
- Look over time
- Employ a PDSA methodology

Peggy asked members for their thoughts on the proposed roles and any ideas they had for who should be on the group. These comments followed:

- There is a lack of capacity for real-time use of data for programmatic improvement. This group should seek to enhance capacity here
- It's important to choose committee members carefully
- Committee should focus on qualitative measures, like sense of belonging, in addition to quantitative data. This is not well-developed in the evaluation field and we want evaluators who value it
- Parks & Rec. has staff working in data evaluation
- EdNorthwest has expertise in evaluation
- The data people at SUN-contracted agencies are key stakeholders
- SUN site managers should be represented; data collection is part of the workload they manage

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

Next Coordinating Council Meeting:

NO AUGUST MEETING

Closing Celebration

Please hold Friday, September 9 and

Friday Sept 16

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Location TBD