

SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

October 4, 2013
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members Present: Lorenzo Poe (Co-Chair), James Hiu, Susan Myers, Lisa Pellegrino, Pat Ryan, Gerald Deloney, Rick Nitti, Lee Po Cha, Eileen Argentina, Zeke Smith,

Also Attending: Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Brian Detman, Kamesha, Robinson, Nabil Zaghloul, Greg Belisle, Lisa Kulkarni, Matthew Bartolotti

Updates/Announcements

- New Council Staff Person Diana introduced the new staff person to the SUN Coordinating Council, Lisa Kulkarni. Lisa will be taking over from Lori Kenney and staffing both the Council and the Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative. Lisa is coming to SUN from the Multnomah County Health Department where she coordinates and staffs the NW Oregon Health Preparedness Organization. Lisa will be starting part-time next week.
- Budget Updates Eileen provided an update on the City budget. The Mayor issued budget guidance to bureaus yesterday for the year. In that guidance, he referred to a stabilization approach for the coming budget. James shared that the Oregon Legislature gave school districts a budget reprieve for 2014-15. This is good news for districts and should allow districts to reinstate some staff.
- Sponsor Meetings Lorenzo shared the schedule for sponsors meetings this year. The sponsors asked to meet three more times this year to discuss sustaining existing contributions as well as a plan for expanding the system over time. The three meeting dates are:

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
3:30 - 5:00 pm
1900 Building (near PSU campus)

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
1:00 - 2:30 pm
City Hall, Rose Room

Monday, June 16, 2014
2:00 - 3:30 pm
David Douglas Board Room

Scheduling was difficult and not every sponsor was available for all the meetings. Lorenzo asked that Council members or another leader who can represent the organization please attend if the sponsor is unable and bring messages or input they want to share. Staff and the Co-Chairs will be preparing an agenda for the November Sponsor meeting and will bring it to the Nov. 1st SUN Council meeting for Council review and input. The agenda will likely include and update on conversation initiated by Commissioner Fritz about the FY15 budget and expanding SUN to every school over time; the RFP process and key decisions; and a briefing on who the kids are in our community and equity.

- New Funding for SUN Hunger Relief The Board of County Commissioners voted earlier this week to provide \$61,000 in contingency funding to support the development of two new emergency food

pantries at SUN Community Schools along with additional staffing capacity to implement the pantries along with a broader coordinated approach by the County to addressing childhood hunger with community partners. The two new pantries will be located at Madison High School and Reynolds Middle School.

- Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative The collaborative is focused on supporting the implementation of the attendance and engagement model at the 6 demonstration sites. A comprehensive attendance toolkit was compiled by the collaborative and distributed to all districts in August. The next work is to develop support tools for Community Engagement Teams at each site. Portland Parent Union, with Sheila Warren's leadership, has offered to support restorative listening dialogues at the 6 sites. At the last Collaborative meeting, Sheila led a similar conversation for collaborative members to model the practice and deepen relationships and trust.
- Anti-Poverty Policy Issues Several policy issues were raised by Mary Li as part of her presentation on anti-poverty services at the September meeting. Those issues will be integrated into the program and system review processes over the next 9-12 months and will come back to the Council for briefing and discussion.

SUN Service System Model

Peggy shared a timeline for the System review over the next 12 months along with a document detailing the topics, membership and timing of the activities that will happen from October through February. [See attached documents.] Peggy noted that the first action area is the Theory of Change and Recommendations from the Equity Lens Team. It has become clear in the process of considering how to apply the lens, that a clear theory of change should be developed and that the theory will serve as the foundation for the entire system review process. Staff anticipates that the theory will be reviewed and vetted in October and November, with review at the November meeting and adoption at the December session. The Program Review will happen by individual program. Staff will bring a schedule of the review and input sessions for programs to the November meeting. The Resource Allocation workgroup will begin in December. Lisa Pellegrino and Susan Myers will co-chair. The focus of the group initially will be to look at resource allocation methodologies for the system.

The Council reviewed the October-November Review Actions document and discussed the desired Council role. Four Council members are part of the Equity Lens Team and Council members will lead and participate on the Allocation Workgroup. For the other areas, the Council would like to be informed of the meetings and other input sessions and will participate as they have expertise and interest to lend.

Early Learning Hub Application

Zeke shared an update on the Early Learning Hub application that was submitted on October 2nd. The application was to become "early adopters" of the hub model the State is implementing. The grant was written collaboratively by United Way and the County, with significant input from community members and partners. It was a short timeline and Zeke acknowledged the large role that Peggy and Shari Campbell in the County's Government Relations Office. He also noted that many people came to the table for the planning and writing process and stayed engaged even with the uncertainty of what the hub will actually look like and mean. United Way is working on a local version of the plan extracted from the full application to share with stakeholders. The grant process identified what other efforts are already in place and aligned with them. This included the Ready for Kindergarten collaborative as well as SUN and other County efforts.

The State will identify the first 7 hubs on November 15th, for grant activities to begin on January 14th. Local partners feel like we need to maintain momentum and will continue to move the work forward

before then. We need to be clear what distinguishes the hub from other efforts in the early childhood and education fields.

Lorenzo recognized and thanked United Way for playing a lead role in the application and hub partnership.

Portland Children's Levy Input

Lisa led the Council through a process to consider several questions that will help the Levy set funding priorities for its procurement process later this year. The questions she posed included:

1. Should the Levy allow submission of applications in the next funding round to expand the SUN Community School program to new sites?
2. If so, should the Levy require applicants for expansion sites to provide matching funds? If yes, at what level?
3. Are there other needs/service gaps that the Levy should prioritize in any of its funding areas (early childhood, child abuse prevention/intervention, youth in foster care, after-school, mentoring, hunger relief)?
4. How should the Levy prioritize or tailor its investments to reduce disparities in outcomes for children of color?

Council discussion included the following comments:

- Allow Applications to Expand SUN Community Schools?
 - Districts believe that expansion of SUN should be allowed through the Levy. It is in the interest of districts and students. With tight budgets in districts, these dollars are crucial to success.
 - The Levy is a key opportunity to get the supports SUN provides to high needs schools. Rarely have this chance. Maybe focus on getting priority sites funded.
 - Allow expansion applications, but possibly ask for a match
 - Need to look at effect when cuts happen. There is always a great effort to sustain SUN CS. Need to plan ahead. Adding hunger to the categories thinned the pot.
- Overarching Comments About Priorities
 - Funding for hunger should follow the child. Give it to the kids we serve in other programs. Align efforts.
 - Bring "Seed to Supper" program of Oregon Food Bank to SUN S sites
 - To what degree do partners bring resources and fit them into SUN - or do SUN priorities frame Levy decisions?
 - Give priority for using the Equity Index in choosing sites
 - If we want to prioritize specialized populations is it better to fund targeted programs only? And not SUN CS?
 - Would look at targeted programs (such as for foster children) for those populations identified by the Levy as opposed to SUN CS. It's better to do targeted services.
 - Should align efforts across the Levy's funding areas with SUN. Kids within the SUN Community Schools population should receive deeper services.
 - Strongly support focusing funding on children in the foster system (several members underscored this). The Levy was one of the first to provide focused funding on this population.

- Afterschool funding should be a blend - not just SUN CS, but some SUN CS and some other programs.
 - Look at priorities emerging from the All Hands Raised Partnership and SUN World Café.
 - Need to stay focused on equity efforts. These are in their infancy and we need to persist until we see changes in the disparities.
 - Equity is not only an issue of culturally-specific services. It is across the spectrum. Services can be effective in many types of agencies. It's not either/or.
 - Offering culturally-specific services is important.
 - Ask applicants how their proposed programs align with the All Hands Raised collaboratives. Perhaps give priority for those that are?
- Needs or Service Gaps
 - After school mentoring and hunger are priorities for districts, particularly in East Portland.
 - Transportation, including bus passes for target populations.

The Council discussed what input, if any, should be shared formally with the Levy Allocation Committee from the Council. The group agreed upon the following shared input:

- The Council is in support of the Levy funding additional SUN CS sites
- Expansion should happen at schools that are within the priorities set by the Council (the Equity Index is a fair system to identify need)
- Applications for SUN Community School funding should require permission to use the SUN CS name/follow the criteria set by SUN partners for use of the name
- Applications for SUN Community School funding should include permission or sign off by the district.

Next Steps:

- *Lisa will communicate the Council input - both overarching and about funding SUN Community Schools - to the Levy Allocation Committee and include in the report on community input.*
- *Staff will draft a letter from the Council to the Levy Allocation Committee sharing the Council's input on funding SUN Community Schools*

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

Next Coordinating Council Meeting:

Friday, November 1, 2013
 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
 Multnomah Building, Room 112
 501 SE Hawthorne

Future Coordinating Council Meetings*:

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

Friday, December 6, Room 112
 Friday, January 3, Room 112

Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative

Friday, October 18, 2013
 8:00 am Newcomer orientation
 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 Marshall High School Library

Every School a SUN CS Workgroup

Group in on hiatus pending sponsor conversations about sustainability and expansion