

**SUN Service System Coordinating Council Meeting Notes**  
**January 11, 2019**  
9:00AM – 11:00AM  
David Douglas School District Office, 11300 NE Halsey

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Attendance**

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**Members and Alternates Present:** Frank Caropelo (Co-Chair), Judy Strand (Co-Chair), Lee Po Cha, Lisa Rau, Tou Cha, Nichole Buchanan, Nate Waas Shull, Seraphie Allen, Frances Sallah, April, Olson, Brenda Martinek, Amanda Whalen, Durelle Singleton.

**Also Attending:** Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Jeff Blackmer

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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Judy welcomed everyone. Introductions were done around the room. Brief review of desired outcomes.

Ice breaker: Attendees chose a picture when then signed in that represented how they are thinking about the SUN partnership coming into 2019. They were invited to talk about what their picture symbolized for them.

### **Updates: Budgets, Outreach and Evaluation**

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#### **Budget:**

Nicole said the county is looking at about a 3% cut. Situation is currently fluid. Seraphie said programs may see about a 1% cut to city budget. Tou shared that the DHS budget still uncertain regarding cuts. Federal shutdown may have some impact. Federally-funded programs should be okay through March/April.

April says there are some reserves for school meal programs, so short term impact should be minimal.

#### **Outreach:**

Visits were made to new Parkrose and Reynolds superintendents to bring new superintendents up to speed on the SUN Service System. Both superintendents were very positive about the partnership and supportive of partnering around community school principal leadership capacity building. The need for mental health services and brokers/navigators came up with Superintendent Lopes-Serrao. Superintendent Diaz mentioned that parents have identified childcare as a significant need and she is working on responding through a partnership with Champions.

Brief discussion of childcare options. Tou indicated there was some availability for more capacity in DHS's ERDC pilot program.

Outreach and leadership activities planned for the coming quarter include:

- Commissioner Fish 1/14
- Sponsors in February or March
- Superintendent Guerrero - making progress on getting a date set
- Proposing to prioritize City Commissioner Hardesty, County Commissioner Jayapal, the Mayor as next set.

The group agreed with the proposed plan.

### **FY18 Systems Results and Evaluation Update:**

SUN Service System Results numbers reviewed. Different aspects were discussed. Comments included:

- Chronic absenteeism is inching back up overall in the county. Elementary school attendance is good, middle school is okay, High school not very good.
- Do schools currently have a truancy officer? (Answer: SRO – School Resource Officer)
- We need policies in place to assist efforts of attendance staff.
- April and Brenda spoke to schools seeing anxiety issues from various causes which have an impact on attendance.

### **Review of Workgroup Proposal**

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Frank reminded folks of the discussion from last meeting and purpose of workgroup on youth experience. He reflected on the role of council to elevate issues from the system to the sponsors/leaders. We have a shared voice as the council to build awareness and buy in. The council asked to hear youth voice and now the question is “how will we respond?”

Frank introduced the proposal (Youth Experience Action Workgroup – Proposal) and emphasized the importance of student voices to address issues. Allowed time for attendees to read workgroup proposal before additional discussion.

Diana gave a summary of workgroup and reviewed pertinent PowerPoint slides. The workgroup included Tony Hopson, Durelle Singleton, Nicole Buchanan, Dunya Minoo, April Olson, and Walter Rodriguez.

Frank checked on agreement with goals and actions. Council members agreed with the proposed plan. Then the group discussed what information to share with sponsors and any ideas for other sources of youth input beyond what is already on our radar. Feedback included:

- Some kids are cynical about how seriously their responses are taken, that there is no follow up to their suggestions.
- What age range is being solicited for input in the various surveys? Diana answered input was primarily from middle and high school students.
- Are there going to be District youth surveys in all districts?

- What is desired result? Recommendations to sponsors. Discussed format of how to do this. Possibly provide a collection of themes and where they show up
- Be sure of what's already happening before we move forward with pilot
- What are the next questions to ask?
- As move forward connect additional parent voice – ELM PAC, SUN providers

Ideas for sources of input to include in the summary to sponsors

- Providers about parent voice on the issue
- PPS will have additional focus groups around student engagement
- PPS will be doing school climate survey in late February.
- Earl Boyles and Faubion – have gathered a lot of parent input
- Home Forward focus group report on attendance
- Statewide chronic absence report

Diana will reconnect with the workgroup after the sponsors meeting and next steps are clear.



## Workgroup Proposal

### Goals

- Elevate youth voice and issues to the SUN Sponsors and leaders
- Develop and pilot a school-based approach to respond as SUN Service System partners

### Winter & Spring Activities

1. Share what we know with Sponsors and other leaders
2. Listen to what is needed and what works
3. Develop and pilot an approach



## Ideas for Data Sources for Youth Experience

- SUN agencies from Armin's scan
- PPS recent youth focus groups
- Info from Parks recent youth engagement work
- SF2020 survey and focus group results
- Oregon Healthy Teen survey – OSSCC + disaggregated info for race/ethnicity



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### Emerging Council Action Plan

Diana oriented the council to the draft action plan document and asked for feedback. Folks discussed the Alignment with Other Systems and Additional Funding and Partners sections in more detail:

- Portland Bureau of Transportation was mentioned as possible partner/funding source?
- Generally, feel like aren't urgent areas in alignment beyond those already underway to take on at this time.
- Perhaps add mental health to alignment section to keep on the radar. Mental health resources discussion followed. Peggy S. recommended meeting as group first and then bring in Mental Health.
- The group landed on a subsequent meeting to scope what the mental health alignment questions and issues are for SUN. There is interest among those present to attend: Judy, April, and Tou will head this up. Diana will schedule a planning meeting.

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### Closing

Frank closed the meeting, asking folks to be aware of opportunities for additional sources for youth voice from within the SUN Service System.

**Next meeting will be March 1, 2019 at this location (David Douglas School District Office).**