

# SUN Coordinating Council Retreat

August 3, 2018

8:30am - 2:00pm

The Grotto, 8840 NE Skidmore

## MEETING NOTES

### Attendance

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**Members and Alternates Present:** Frank Caropelo (Co-Chair), Tou Cha, Lee Po Cha, Ebony Clarke, Kim Melton, Dunya Minoo, Marcus Mundy, April Olson, Alejandro Queral, Lisa Rau, Frances Sallah, Durelle Singleton, Judy Strand, Nate Waas Shull, Joy Wallace

**Also Attending:** Dani Ledezma, Florence Protopapas, Kelly Devlin, Peggy Brey, Diana Hall, Peggy Samolinski, Jeff Blackmer, Janice Cole, Armin Tolentino

### Welcome and Introductions

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Dani Ledezma was introduced as facilitator for the day. And Frank and Patricia Rojas as Co-chairs. Patricia will be stepping down from the council and co-chair role as she transitions to her new position as the Deputy Director of the Joint Office on Homeless Services. Patricia was unable to attend today's meeting and Diana shared Patricia's regrets and appreciation. Frank introduced new members: Marcus Mundy, new Executive Director of the Coalition of Communities of Color, and April Olson, Director of Federal Programs and Homeless Liaison for Gresham Barlow School District.

Need expressed for alternate members for several seats and for a Co-Chair representing non-Sponsor organizations to fill the seat Patricia is vacating. District liaisons who were in attendance as guests were introduced – Florence Protopapas and Kelly Devlin, David Douglas School District.

Dani asked everyone to introduce themselves and organizations.

### Deepening our Relationships

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Dani facilitated a relationship building activity with members in pairs; to describe summer experiences as a youth and what aspects of those experiences motivate your work today.

### Setting the Context for the Day

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Dani introduced staff and Co-chair to offer context about system, council and action areas.

Accompanying Power Point presentation



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Peggy discussed SUN Service **System Theory of Change:**

*We will improve the wellbeing of our entire community by collaborating and integrating strategies and services that have been shown to improve educational and economic outcomes for people of color and those living in poverty.*

She also talked about system services, the council's role and council's lane in relationship to individual organizations and other systems.

Diana shared the two-year Action Areas that the council determined out of last year's retreat. Today's agenda is organized by action area. She oriented folks to an action area worksheet that will be used to capture and organize thoughts during the meeting.

### **Action Area:**

#### **Emerging Issues: Youth Experience of Safety, Belonging, Bullying and Support**

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Diana gave a brief background to this action area and reminded folks of Joy's presentation and the council's discussion of the OSSCC's State of Safe Schools report at the last meeting. That report elevated the experience of sexual and gender minority youth in schools and had key findings around bullying, intimidation, harassment, fear-based absences, and suicidal ideation, among other topics. The worksheet includes the ideas generated by the council for how we might respond to this information. Today we have two presentations offering additional perspective on youth experience of safety, belonging, bullying and adult support.

Frank and Alejandro shared findings from the Successful Families 2020 Reynolds partnership evaluation efforts at Reynolds High School (see embedded PPT) including student efficacy, student-teacher relationships, perspectives on racism, racial respect and cultural responsiveness, as well as discrimination and bullying. The difference in perspective between teachers and students on racial respect and cultural responsiveness is striking and is serving as the foundation for engagement of school staff and a focused professional development plan for 2018-19. Frank also shared other next steps for the partnership in the coming school year and beyond. Alejandro emphasized this is not a "Success Story," but a "Story in Progress." The group shared initial reactions and discussed questions. There was a high level of interest how other schools could engage in similar efforts.

Janice Cole share initial findings from the 2017-2018 SUN Student Socio-Emotional Learning survey and the SUN Storytelling Project.

In groups, folks discussed what narrative or themes they identified in the information that has been presented on youth experience, as well as what next steps or actions they saw embedded in the findings. These were noted in the action area worksheet.

### **Pair and Share – Connection to SUN**

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Dani passed out handout for folks to capture elements of their SUN story, take notes, break into new pairs and share on the following topics:

- First experience with the SUN Service System
- What motivates or inspires them to stay involved
- Aspirations for SUN collaboration

### **Action Area: Engagement of Broader Community**

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Armin presented on FY 18 actions around Engagement of Broader Community. Youth voice mechanisms discussed along with recommendations for discussion and decisions.

Frank and Lee reviewed information and a workgroup proposal for FY 19 actions for decision

- Reminder that the council previously decided to focus on youth voice for FY19
- The workgroup took away the task to consider how the council will use youth input and what mechanisms we should use to gather it – and come here today with recommendation.
- Power Point slide: proposal on use of youth input.
- Checked agreement on proposal.
- PPT slide and handout: Share mechanisms considered and scan of structures that exist in SUN member orgs that capture youth voice
- PPT slide: proposal for hearing youth voice in FY19
- Checked agreement on proposal

Dani facilitated check on agreement / decision. Alejandro noted that the council needs to have a clear mechanism for how conversations at the council affect the youth who gave the input.

In groups, participants suggested and compiled specifics around the identified FY 19 actions.

## **Pair and Share: What is the SUN story**

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Dani asked participants to break into new pairs and craft their SUN story using the back side of the handout. Pairs then documented points of the story on group sheets.

## **Action Areas: Hone Messaging & Outreach**

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Peggy presented FY18 actions in these areas and then led sharing on what council members want to talk about as part of the SUN story and what information they need to do that.

Dani asked how what has been generated aligns with people's experiences with the outreach visits. Next steps for staff are to write up the ideas generated, identify gaps in information needed and bring that back to the Council's September meeting to confirm and prioritize gaps as needed.

Diana presented the current list of outreach visits planned for FY19 and the group added ideas.

In groups, folks added to proposed FY19 actions.

## **Action Areas: System Alignment & New Partners & Funding**

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Diana shared that alignment across systems and pursuing new partners and funding were two areas that held a lot of interest at last year's retreat and were identified as things to include in a 2 year plan, but which were not prioritized for year 1. These are areas that we have pursued in various ways over the years and that often get raised without clarity about what the challenge is we are trying to solve (in terms of alignment) or how much return is possible or likely in different funding sectors. Some examples of systems alignment work in the System: chronic absence efforts, ICE protocols across SUN providers, providing reasonable accommodations

Dani shared that the hope today is to be specific and tactical in the ideas we generate, so we can identify actions that are connected to what is emerging in the field and that will have high impact. The following discussion questions were offered for the group planning time.

Alignment of Systems Questions:

- What challenges do you see that could be addressed through joint and aligned efforts across SUN partner organizations?
- What are specific actions the council could take to work on those challenges

New Partner or Funding Sources Questions:

- Given the funding and political climate, and role of the council what would be the most strategic partnerships or funding sources for us to pursue?
- What specific actions would help identify and pursue new partners or funding?

## **World Café**

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Each "home group" identified one person to be an ambassador for their group, who will stay at their table. The rest of the group members will travel to other tables and review and provide feedback about FY 19 Actions.

## **Actions & Next Steps**

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Actions from the session:

- Staff will write up the ideas generated for the SUN Story elements, identify gaps in information needed and bring that back to the Council's September meeting to confirm and prioritize gaps as needed.
- Staff will bring back the group input in an action plan format for next meeting.

### Retreat Feedback

A survey to gather feedback on the retreat will be coming in email. We regularly make changes based on your feedback so please let us know what we should keep and what we can change to improve your experience.

### Next Council Meeting:

Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00-11:00 am  
MESD  
11611 NE Ainsworth Circle