# SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

May 3, 2013

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

# MEETING NOTES

## Attendance

**Members Present:** Bill Scott (Co-Chair), Joanne Fuller, James Hiu, Lisa Pellegrino, Kathy Keim-Robinson, Pat Ryan, Gerald Deloney, Susan Myers, Nate Waas Shull, Zeke Smith, Rick Nitti, Mary Richardson (Alt), Dunya Minoo (Alt)

**Also Attending:** Peggy Samolinski, Mary Li, Diana Hall, Nabil Zaghloul, Jean DeMaster, Greg Belisle, Matt Bartolotti, Rolando Cruz, Lori Kenney

Alt = alternate member

## Updates/Announcements

* Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative Peggy said the collaborative is in the process of developing district-wide protocol on attendance and intervention. Diana hosted a workshop with David Douglas to understand the practices that worked well for their district. Each district will tailor to their unique needs. Tricia Harding and April Olson are developing a tool kit to support schools in implementing protocols and broader attendance work. Peggy is pulling together data on chronic absence to factor into the selection of demonstration sites that will get collaborative support to do deeper outreach and provide supports to increase attendance. She plans to bring a list of sites to the collaborative in May and is working with PSU to develop a process study. Lorena Campbell is working on the details of having real time attendance reports available to schools and Lisa Pellegrino will be helping develop a plan for data collection and analysis.
* Every School a SUN Community School Workgroup Bill said work continues to address issues associated with expanding the system, while not losing ground in the current budget. The Council talking points have been revised to address concerns that we should only focus on the high poverty schools. Only 25% of schools have fewer than 200 students on free and reduced lunch. Even schools with a strong core of middle and upper income parents, such as Roseway Heights, have sizable pockets of poverty (42% free and reduced lunch). There are still 20 schools with more than 200 youth in poverty within the City of Portland that don’t have SUN. Bill noted we are supportive of Parks rethinking how they engage with the system overall. While parents may be willing to participate in some funding of the system in more affluent areas, that should not be the cause for partners to reduce their investment, but to help expand the system. Ideally, all sites would have a base level of City/Count/District and possibly United Way general funding for their site which could be augmented by local parents or possibly other funding sponsors. Diana said some of this is already happening; Beach and Hosford parents are interested in becoming SUN Community Schools and are willing to provide funding for this kind of blended funding model. The workgroup will meet again on April 26th, 10 -11:30 a.m. in Room 635 of the Multnomah Building.

## Budgets and Political Transitions

Parks Mary confirmed that the Mayor’s proposed budget funds the three SUN sites that were slated to be cut, but only for two more years. David Douglas is funded with one-time funding. The SUN pass through monies have been cut from the proposed budget. The internal focus right now for Parks is addressing layoffs and internal changes. Calls from the Mayor’s and Commissioner’s offices this week indicate confusion over how the pass through funding is used. Dunya said the Mayor’s Office thought this budget would hold PPS harmless. Joanne noted that the Mayor has had a daunting task and it’s understandable there are some unintended consequences. The Chair will be working with the Mayor and Council so everyone understands the impacts.

County The budget includes full funding for SUN. Our agreement with the City to mitigate compression of Levy funding with the Library bond was that we would pick up the Levy sites plus provide funding for additional SUN staffing. Susan said there are several funding streams that are uncertain: State funding for Student Educational and Support Services and Parent Child Development Services, which could be a total cut of $600,000 (includes runaway youth funding); and Federal funding for the community services block grant anti-poverty monies could be cut to 50%.

City Budget Forums There is one more budget forum and then the City Council hearing on the Mayor’s budget:

* The last City Budget Forum:
* **Thursday, April 11th, 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
  Montgomery Park  
  2701 NW Vaughn Street  
  Portland, OR 97210
* City Council hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget:
* **Thursday, May 16th, 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
  City Hall – Council Chambers  
  1221 SW 4th Ave.  
  Portland, OR 97204

Members discussed the benefits of advocating that SUN sites not be cut in the City budget and encouraged individuals to conduct their own advocacy. Staff will update the Talking Points and get them sent out.

*Next Steps:*

* Bill Scott will send the Talking Points to the Mayor and City Council.
* SUN staff will send the Talking Points to all other SUN partners and providers as a recommendation from the SUN Council with the message that we understand the City values input about budget decisions.

## SUN RFP Plan

Allocation Workgroup Update

Lisa is assembling a group that will meet after the Council meeting today to recommend to the Council how funds are allocated for the next RFP. The group includes some Council members but no one who will be applying for funding through the RFP. Historically, the County has not included anything in the RFP about evaluating past performance of contractors due to state contracting regulations. Joanne has asked the County attorney to look for models that might include performance without undue difficulty or liability.

Members had questions about the differences between allocation and procurement. Allocation describes how the funding will be dispersed through the procurement process and the RFP document spells out procurement guidelines – what we will be asking the contractors for. The purpose of the allocation discussion is to define the system model that will drive procurement.

Prior to the last RFP, there was an allocation workgroup and a core services group. Their recommendations were brought to the Council and approved. Peggy said the current process is not assuming we will change the basic four core services.

Nate and Zeke suggested we focus on the outcomes we want to buy and then make that part of the structure of the RFP. Nate stressed the value of building on what has been created but still lead with outcomes, which does then take us into a consideration of core services.

*Next Steps:*

* SUN staff will bring back information on the intent and outcomes of the system at the May meeting.

# Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs & Sexual Minority Youth Services Program Review

Peggy gave a presentation on two County-wide auxiliary services: Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs and Sexual Minority Youth Services.

The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs program includes a 7-session series of “Strengthening Families Prevention Groups,” focused primarily on middle school youth, offered in both English and Spanish throughout the County. One hundred and fifty families participated, with 90% being families of color. A screening and assessment service is also available for youth, through referral from the family, school or agency staff. Last year, 328 youth were screened and more than 100 received a full assessment. Of those 91% were referred and engaged in treatment services. Total funding for this program is $165,439.

Sexual Minority Youth Services provides training and consultation and support groups and counseling services. Last year, 839 SUN, agency and community members participated in training and 154 youth leadership groups were held with 31 youth receiving counseling services. Of those, 60% were engaged or re-enrolled in school. Funding for this program is $109,614.

Joanne suggested a sheet be created showing outcomes for all the different programs being reviewed for the Council so we can see the impact of each program. All Hands Raised may have some expertise to offer in developing an outcome structure that then could be presented to community leaders. The County is also looking at how we’re impacting the overall equity issue and we might want to align more with the Cradle to Career indicators, such as 3rd grade reading.

Peggy said that Mary Li will be reviewing Anti-poverty Services at the May Council meeting and Community Schools will be covered at the June meeting.

*Next Steps:*

* SUN staff will develop a sheet showing outcomes of all programs, by program.

Scoping Review Process for SUN of the SUN Service System

At the April meeting, the Council discussed interest in engaging with existing and desired partners to talk about how they might be more involved in the SUN Service System and what changes might need to happen within the system for that deeper involvement. Our purpose is both to expand and deepen current partnerships as well as advancing our goal of Every School a SUN Community School. The Every School workgroup developed a preliminary of groups we might want to conduct outreach with and the Council added to that group:

Suggested Organizations for Outreach:

* Health
* County
* Large hospitals, CARES NW (Child Abuse assessment)
* Kaiser (Rx Play) and HMOs
* State Coordinated Care for Medicare
* Mental Health
* Trauma informed care
* DHS and OHA
* United Way
* Intel, Nike, adidas, Les Schwab Foundation
* Boys & Girls Club
* Girl Scouts
* Campfire
* Early Learning conversations
* All Hands Raised partnership (functioning as the conduit for foundations)
* Meyer Memorial Trust
* OCF
* Business
* Carol Morse and Sandy McDonough
* Faith
* Ecumenical Ministries
* Albina Ministerial Alliance
* Palau (Kevin & Larry)
* Banks with trust funds – Wells Fargo, etc.

To help with selection of 2-5 groups for outreach, staff developed a suggested list of criteria to use for prioritization.

Prioritization Criteria:

* Increases visibility/alliances
* Increases amount of aligned services or partner domains, including representing people served
* Financial possibilities – have funding or other resources, potential efficiencies
* Alignment with Cradle to Career, members of Council, participating organizations
* Alignment with 10 year plan to end homelessness
* Connection to business

Bill will be talking with Carol Morse, PGE about finding businesses that might be interested in helping with funding at sites. There was a suggestion to talk with providers to get their input on groups/individuals that we should more closely align with.

*Next Steps:*

* We will prioritize these groups at the May meeting and come to agreement on groups to conduct outreach with.

## Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

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| **Next Coordinating Council Meeting:**  Friday, May 3, 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, June 7, Room 112  Friday, July 12, Room 112 |  | **Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative**  April 19, 8:30 – 10:30 am;  8:00 am newcomer orientation  Marshall High School Library  3905 SE 92st Avenue, Portland 97266  **Every School a SUN CS Workgroup**  Friday, April 26, 2013  10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  Multnomah Building, Room 635 |  |