# SUN™ Service System Coordinating Council Meeting

March 1, 2013

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

# MEETING NOTES

## Attendance

**Members Present:** Lolenzo Poe (Co-Chair), Bill Scott (Co-Chair), James Hiu, Lisa Pellegrino, Kathy Keim-Robinson, Pat Ryan, Gerald Deloney, Eileen Argentina, Susan Myers, Rick Nitti, Linda Ridings, Kara Carmosino (Alt)

**Also Attending:** Peggy Samolinski, Diana Hall, Mary Richardson, Nabil Zaghloul, Jean DeMaster, Frances Hall, Tricia Harding, Greg Belisle, Rachel Spigal, Lori Kenney

Alt = alternate member

## Updates/Announcements

* New Equity Index Diana noted that the new Index, sent out electronically, will be used to set priorities for adding or subtracting sites. She distributed a new list of 15 schools in the first and second quartiles that are not yet SUN sites. Rosa Parks is “sunny” (has a similar model led by Boys and Girls Club) but not an official SUN site. Benson is a magnet school; SUN has focused traditionally on neighborhood schools. Pat noted that there are many youth of poverty at Benson.
* Every School a SUN Community School Workgroup Bill said the workgroup did not meet this month and will meet again on March 22nd, 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 635 of the Multnomah Building.
* Hunger Relief The food pantry at David Douglas High School served over 40 families on its first day, with student volunteers helping families “shop.” Diana announced that the Oregon Food Bank recently held an event at Shaver to highlight a $150,000 gift from Zidell Corporation. This generous gift will allow opening another two dozen food pantries across the State and will benefit SUN efforts.
* Equity Lens Diana let members know that Sonali Balajee will be working with staff to determine how the Lens can be applied to the new RFP and SUN generally. A small group will meet in April to begin discussing how the Lens might be applied. SUN Council members are invited to join the meeting if they are interested.

## Budgets and Political Transitions

New budget news:

PPS Lolenzo said teams are submitting 5% cut packages. Leadership teams will meet to make recommendations to Superintendent Smith about which to accept.

County Susan said the budgets submitted to the Chair by department heads will be out today. The Department of County Human Services faces a $500,000 cut. SUN is held harmless in the Department’s budget. The Chair will consider the budgets submitted to him and release his budget in early May.

Parks Eileen provided a briefing on details of the Parks budget. The $272,000 pass-through funding which goes to all SUN sites in the City is proposed to be cut, as well as three SUN sites operated by Parks in the third and fourth quartiles. Eileen noted that the Budget Advisory Committee’s conversations centered around deciding what to constrict that is core and central to what they do. Rick asked what will happen if the revised revenue forecast is more positive. Eileen said they do have a ranked list of what would be restored; currently, the schools are ranked higher than the pass-through funding.

Bill announced that letters were sent from SUN Council Co-Chairs and the Superintendents to the Mayor and City Council last week, advocating that the City remain a key partner and not cut any SUN funding. The letter also asks for a Sponsor’s Meeting.

The City has asked whether SUN funding is something the County should cover. Bill noted that a good portion of SUN’s services are a clear mission match with Parks. The City’s investment in community schools pre-dates any involvement by the County. Bill and Lolenzo have a meeting scheduled with Josh Alpert, Mayor Hales Policy Director, next Thursday. Josh is also the liaison to Parks.

Sponsor’s Meeting Bill said the purpose of having this meeting is to get the Chair, Mayor and Superintendents together to discuss the future of SUN. Jeff has agreed to the meeting; we are still working on getting access to the Mayor. It’s been almost five years since our last Sponsor’s Meeting. At that time, all Sponsors were supportive of Every School a SUN Community School. Since then, there have been many decisions by sponsor agencies that indicate a high level of support for SUN.

City Information Sheet Members discussed the draft fact sheet, noting that we should add the on-going funding for the David Douglas SUN site to the sheet. Lisa noted that it is significant that SUN has been held harmless for several years, despite huge budget cuts in the County, Levy and the districts. Members agreed we should quantify this commitment with numbers to show how SUN was protected, despite drastic overall cuts.

City Budget Forums Eileen said the first community forum is scheduled for March 6th at IRCO, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Additional forums are set for March 12 and April 11. There will be a public hearing for the Mayor’s budget on May 16. Details are at: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/article/437463>. Eileen confirmed that it would be good to have a presence at those forums.

*Next Steps:*

* *Staff will modify the City Information Sheet and provide more specific detail about how SUN has been held harmless.*

## SUN RFP Plan

Lolenzo introduced Lisa Pellegrino to give an update on the progress of the Allocation workgroup. Lisa shared a draft outline of the workgroup’s charge and a recommendation for proceeding to develop a new allocation method for the RFP. She and Susan Meyers proposed to review the current array of contracted services and review the initial allocation for culturally specific and how it has been divided between the six regions to see if that is still appropriate. They would like to assemble a workgroup of approximately ten people in the next six weeks comprised of the following representatives: SUN Coordinating Council; School districts (some of whom are and some who aren’t on the SUN Council); City & County Equity Offices; and other SUN Sponsor reps.

They would like to avoid including people who are or might compete for contracted funding. Gerald pointed out that it will be important to have a diverse group involved. Lolenzo suggested allowing existing or potential contractors to sit in to observe the process. Pat raised the issue that different folks see equity differently. Sonali will be assisting to ensure consistency in how the Lens is applied and City and County equity staff will be bringing their expertise. Members agreed to move forward this way. Lisa and Susan will get back to the Council at the April meeting with a concrete status report.

# Social and Support Services for Educational Success (SSSES) Program Review

Peggy provided a presentation of the components of this one-on-one case management program for youth ages 6-17. Annual funding of just over $2 million is supported through the Federal Youth Investment Fund (17%) and the County General Fund (83%). Relationships are built with youth, and sometimes their families, to make a deeper impact. Youth hear about this resource through school staff and those deeply connected to the school through SUN and other programs. Services are provided across the county in 50-60 locations, some at schools and some at community locations. Many SSSES youth are involved in Ninth Grade Counts. In 2011/12, 1,928 youth were served, 96% of whom were students of color, 82% received Free and/or Reduced Lunch and 76% of the ninth graders were identified as academic priority. Average attendance for that group was 88.8%. Average age was 11.8 years old.

Frances Hall from Neighborhood House recounted a few stories of youth receiving these case management services. Francisco Hernandez at Wilson, which does not receive many other resources, has been on staff for four years and has had some great successes with students whose families have gone through deep trauma. Lolenzo commented on the efficiency of operations now, with such limited funding. Gerald asked about the ideal service model and what it means in this economic reality. He said that this kind of service is what we want and we want to keep staff and avoid turnover. It’s become a natural focus for all of us to do more with less.

Bill said the name, SSSES, might not serve us in the best way as it does not clearly describe what is being provided. It also is not clearly connected with SUN. This model is not fully described in the way that Parent Child Development Services is, being based on the Parents as Teachers model. There was a suggestion to think about renaming this so it is clearly understood, and connected to SUN.

Structure of SUN

Bill talked about the opportunity the new RFP provides us – to rethink the structure of SUN to make it easier to fund and bring others into the conversation. There are systems within the County that could be closer aligned – Library, Juvenile Justice, Heath and Public Health, in addition to systems outside the County such as Parks, DHS, United Way and other potential SUN providers. For instance, Parks could be closer aligned to see community schools as part of their infrastructure and become more attractive to City Council. For the Every School a SUN Community School effort, it would help to have a model that can attract funding easily to a single school. There is a lot of State focus on Early Childhood, in addition to the Ready for Kindergarten Collaborative through All Hands Raised. Are we too widely perceived as a County program? The RFP offers a chance to rethink how we present ourselves. It would be good to include the perceptions of site managers in the conversation.

A discussion ensued about the breadth of this conversation. While the County conversation seems possible, the other issues are big and complex. There was a suggestion to begin with a scoping exercise to identify potential areas of discussion and then chunk it into sub-groups.

*Next Steps:*

* Lisa and Susan will assemble a group and give a status report at the April SUN Council meeting. Let Lisa know if you have suggestions for people to include in the group.
* Staff will be thinking as part of the RFP process, with input from providers and others, about a new name for the SSSES.
* Staff will begin a scoping exercise about the structure of SUN and the potential areas of discussion.

## Charter

## Lolenzo said that our Charter needs to be updated to reflect the addition of several seats to the Council. Lori reviewed additions and changes to the Charter:

## New Vision and Mission

* Revision to “Leader” segment to add “Co-Chairs” and to designate that the Chair or Co-Chairs will be selected by the Lead Sponsor (Multnomah County Chair)

## Addition of the following Sponsors: Multnomah Education Service District, Children’s Levy Commissioner, Parks Commissioner, Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community, Portland Business Alliance and Business Community

## Changed “Membership” to read “Over time, the Coordinating Council may add seats it deems necessary.”

## Addition of the following Council Seats: Portland Children’s Levy, The Commission, All Hands Raised, United Way

## Revision: “Multnomah County will provide staff support to the Council.”

## Addition: “Council Review of the Charter: The Coordinating Council will review the Charter annually at the first meeting of the year.”

## Lolenzo opened a discussion about approving revisions to the Charter. Rick Nitti asked whether we might consider adding a seat for Anti-Poverty. After a brief discussion, Lolenzo recommended that we focus on whether to approve the Charter amendments now and consider membership at a future meeting. Gerald moved to approve the Charter; it was seconded and the Council agreed to the amendments.

## Communities Supporting Youth Action Plan

Bill updated members on the February collaborative meetings. The Action Plan was endorsed as a living, breathing document. Project leads have been named for most actions and are at work. Peggy and Bill presented at the Steering Committee yesterday and had a longer period of time to fully ground folks in the work of the collaborative.

Peggy said she is working on site selection for deeper engagement work around attendance. The new Equity Index will be used as well as two years of absenteeism data by school and achievement at the school level. Ultimately, the districts will make the final decision on which schools and how many in their district. It appears that we will try to have at least one school in each district and there was one request not to cap the number. Bill noted that districts are eager to participate in this work, and those schools that don’t have SUN are especially interested in getting something at their school. We want to keep in mind what we want to learn the first year. If learning is a priority, we will need to have a structured process to observe what happens at sites and to evaluate outcomes.

*Next Steps:*

* *The March Communities Supporting Youth meetings will be on Friday, March 8th, the Oregon Building, Room 1A, 800 NE Oregon Street*

## Upcoming Council Meeting Dates/Times:

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| **Next Coordinating Council Meeting:**  Friday, April 5, 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, May 3, Room 112  Friday, June 7, Room 112 |  | **Communities Supporting Youth Collaborative**  March 8, 8:30 – 10:30 am;  8:00 am newcomer orientation  Oregon Building, Room 1A, 800 NE Oregon St.  **Every School a SUN CS Workgroup**  Friday, March 22, 2013  10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  Multnomah Building, Room 635 |  |