

**East County One Stop Board Meeting – April 26, 2006**  
**9 AM – 11 AM – Avita & Associates**

**PLEASE NOTE: DATE CHANGE FOR NEXT MEETING: The ECOS Board will meet on May 31<sup>st</sup> – NOT on May 24<sup>th</sup> as scheduled due to a conflict with the date of the Career Symposium.**

**Board Members Present:** Kedma Ough – AVITA & Associates, Debbie Foote – DHS, Connie Foster – OVRS, Natalie Mitchell – Rockwood Weed and Seed, Derek Beaudry – Human Solutions, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, CCDS represented by Joan Pasco CCDS board member. Easter Seals Oregon also represented by Joan Pasco, substituting for Ruthanne Cox Carothers.

**Announcements:**

**DHS** – Legislators have met in special session and resolved the \$130 Million funding gap created by increased demand for services. May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month – light blue ribbons will be a symbol of support and recognition.

**OVRS** – Connie reported on the Workers Compensation Pilot Project that is reaching out to persons who qualify for service but haven't enrolled.

**Human Solutions** is hosting a Spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser for their Day Shelter on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**AVITA** – is hosting a June 8<sup>th</sup> open house in their office for ONABEN (Oregon Native American Business Enterprise Network).

**CCDS** – Child Care Development Services is conducting a “Ducky Derby” fundraiser in conjunction with the Troutdale Summer Fest on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Ducks are sold for \$5 each and released in the Sandy River – the rubber ducks crossing the finish line first win prizes for their respective owners. They are also working with a new CEO group of Day Care Providers who will have a CEO Boot Camp training on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

The board approved the minutes from March 22nd board meeting

**Next Steps: Follow-up discussion from Strategic Planning Retreat** - The Pedicab concept for Rockwood and Support for Wallace Medical Center – A meeting is still needed with the city of Gresham and Urban Renewal committees. Natalie will help us communicate this idea to the appropriate folks at the city. Wallace is still seeking a site - they must relocate by July 1.

Joan is updating the Community Volunteer database and the list of assessments currently used by ECOS partners. Anyone on these two lists with data changes should get their new material to her soon. Debbie encouraged everyone to take a look at the ECOS web site and let Joan know if any other changes need to be made to your respective information. The site has links to all ECOS partner web pages and there are other references to your organizations that should be updated periodically as people, addresses, or phone numbers change.

**New Business:**

Collaboration between CCDS and Parkrose High School – support letters will be needed for a federal grant application – the grant will fund teen parenting services and parental involvement in schools.

**Summer Youth Activities** – ECOS members are encouraged to let Joan know about any summer activities planned for youth. She will post these or link to them from the ECOS web site.

**Budget/finance report** – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc. 2006 ECOS partner contributions are due – letters and invoices handed out. Contributions have been received from Springdale Job Corps, Mercy Corps, MHCC, Goodwill Industries, OVRS, Rockwood Weed and Seed, and Easter Seals Oregon – Thank you all for your prompt response – reminder to those not yet on this list – please check with your respective finance folks to see if a new invoice is needed. If so, please let Joan know.

### **Current Grant Activity**

**United Way** – Marian George – Innovation fund application – Senior Safety Pin Project – has made the first cut and offered an interview with UW staff and vision councils.

**United Way** – Kedma Ough – Community fund application – Differently-Abled Business Association – has also cleared the first hurdle and had an interview.

Both projects seemed well received in the interview process.

**Patent process training project** – Kedma Ough - Lemelson Foundation and OECDD Innovation funds – Lemelson has completed reference contact and is inviting us to make full application. At this point it looks very promising. This is a three-year grant for a total of \$308,300.

**JOLI grant** with Easter Seals Oregon, CCDS and Mercy Corps – a new application for 2006 funds to replicate the CEO project in Woodburn and Salem was submitted in March.

**SCSEP Grant** – Senior Community Service Experience Project: ECOS partner support for the application being made by Easter Seals National. State awards will be announced in May.

### **Project reports**

CEO/JOLI project with Easter Seals – Joan gave an update on this project. 21 new businesses are being supported by the project, with another 29 close to opening their doors to customers. The project supports inventors, day care providers, knowledge-based consultants and professionals, artists and crafters, food specialty items, service businesses and retail owners.

**Rockwood Weed and Seed** – Natalie informed the group about progress being made in the MAD (Make a Difference) project in Rockwood. They are convening a business coalition, working on urban renewal efforts and neighborhood beautification projects and other issues unique to the Rockwood area. They are also applying for a SAMSA “Drug Free Community” grant. There are new requirements for community Weed and Seed designation – their planning team is exploring options and east county locations.

**OECD Market Vendor Incubator Project** – the first 10 session workshop series was conducted in February and March. 18 persons participated. Due to feedback from vendors, the following project amendment is being proposed to OCEDD:

We have completed one of the scheduled ten session workshop series. Feedback from vendors, market managers and others has indicated we could provide more value by a slightly different approach than the original concept.

We determined that vendors are not likely to participate in a statewide conference, even if centrally located. Market managers have asked us if we can bring the training to them, doing customized full day workshops for their own vendors. Rural communities are asking us to bring one or two-day workshops to their communities. We have also had a request to provide training for storefront retailers.

Taking the training to the people rather than asking them to come to us, will enable the project to reach out to more people, in particular those in smaller communities and rural areas.

We would like you to consider amending the scope of work to enable us to conduct workshops around the state; eliminate the statewide conference and specialized trainings; reduce funds spent on video and instead produce PowerPoint training presentations with photos; proven more useful for our training sessions.

This approach will reduce or eliminate spending in a few categories, but will add costs for the outreach training. These changes will increase our budget from \$60,000 to \$74,730.

**Workshop for HS students on social service careers** – Debbie reported that the event will be held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Visual Arts Center on MHCC campus. Since this activity involves many ECOS board members, the May ECOS Board Meeting will be moved to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Their next planning meeting is on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM - in the Visual Arts Center. If the event goes well, it will be replicated next fall and perhaps also in the spring.

**Linfield School of Nursing practicum connections:** They have 2 students working with Human Solutions. The students are jazzed about the experience. Clinical supervisors are very supportive. Other sites are being considered for student practicum experience.

**Meeting schedule for fall/winter:**

Finance and Management Team: Monday, May 15 11:30 at Applebee's 102<sup>nd</sup> and Halsey  
Board Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays – 9 AM to 11 AM – May 31st – at Human Solutions – 122<sup>nd</sup> and Powell, June 28 - Portland Habilitation Center