

## **East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting December 13,2002**

ECOS' Project Manager, Joan Pasco was unable to attend this board meeting due to a family emergency. Her mother was in critical condition awaiting emergency surgery on December 13<sup>th</sup>. She passed away on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Joan expresses her thanks to you all for your understanding and for the beautiful floral arrangement sent from the board.

The following is Gwen's attempt at notes with the help of Ruthanne Cox Crouthers

Attending: Co-Chairs Gwen Nothwang (MHCC) and Catherine Zimmerman (Resource Connectors, Ltd), Ruthanne Cox Crouthers ((IAMCares), Karen Cusick (Employment Dept), JoAnn Espinosa (Springdale Job Corp) Helen Estrada ( Human Solutions) Chris Bekemeier ( Family Works and our host), Gloria Wood, (Dept. of Human Services), Fred Rau ( Centennial High School and Chip Terhune from Committee on Measure 28.

### Check in:

Fred - lay-offs at the district - Will be looking placement locations for career week for large Junior class in the spring.

Catherine - Need for C.N.A. and Intake/Support Specialist at her company

Helen - No LEAP assistance at this time. County funds cut by 42%

JoAnne - Need for additional non-residential students 16-24 yrs

Karen – still processing 1000 claims per week at employment dept.

Gwen – busy with job seekers as usual

RuthAnne – lay off notices for staff end of December – have no contracts currently awaiting results of several grant applications in process

Gloria - DHS in process of many changes. Self-sufficiency may lose all A&D and dental funding for clients. Ballot measure 28 will completely reshape services no matter what the outcome.

Partner of the month: Family Works - The organization is partly funded through Lutheran Family Services. Also they have a small grant from BHCD for a Parkrose Community Project that has produced a nice booklet on the oral history of the area.

Very nice facility they will probably wanting to sub-lease part of their very welcoming space. Due to County budget cuts which will be finalized in December. Serve families from 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to 162<sup>nd</sup> Ave. from the river to the Clackamas county line. Work with parents on “skill building” cannot really provide “mental health” counseling under the law. Also work in the middle schools of 4 districts with a Youth Investment program and work in Diversion programs for first time youth offenders

### **Ballot Measure 28 - Chip Terhune**

Strategy is to stay low until close to election time. The messages will be the importance of good school and good social service support systems to bringing new jobs to Oregon. No matter what the results are services in Oregon will be

re-shaped. A good discussion of the issues and why certain segments of the population are having difficulties support the measure and the need for government in general to be responsive and a better steward of their monies.

Old Business:

**C.N.A. Healthcare Industry Forum** – final month of funding - They did have one grant for services to abused disabled adults need 30 people to serve in grant- Also looking at strategies to continue forum next year

**Bi-lingual Job Coach Institute** - Are in the process of re-vamping and adding an internship

**International Marketplace** - no report just the information they the funding source has requested a cut in grant funds – Joan is working on what ECOS could do.

**Re-entry Planning Team** – no report

Status of Grant Application - no report

Other reports:

**Wsi meeting with Bob Vistos** - the consensus of those who attended was that ECOS was given kind of a brush off. Bob talked about how he wants to transform services and bring the mandated partners into the program, providing core services. He wants more money spent on training and which to be inclusive. The members present at the meeting were Joan, Charlotte, Gwen, Ruthanne, and Sue from Boeing who is a wsi Board member. Bob's vision is a living wage for the area of \$20 per hour and he is requesting the Board support that stand. Bob indicated he would support the work of ECOS from informal perspective, but no talk of financial support. Ruthanne did point out that contract dollars IAMcares had in the past had now gone to a project internal at wsi with OHSU. Gwen pointed out that the many non-native speakers in East County would needs lots of financial support to ever get to \$20/hr. in the Portland area.

**Rockwood co-location of services** - no report

**Finance** – report attached. Decision was made since so few members were their that vote on approval of payments be made by email.

**Board Meeting Schedule:**

January 31<sup>st</sup> Vocational Rehabilitation

February 28 IRCO hosting

March 28<sup>th</sup> Workforce Connections

April 25<sup>th</sup> volunteer host