

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting
December 3rd 9 AM to 11 AM**

YWCA East Hosting

Meeting facilitators: ECOS Co-chairs: Lani Staab and Catherine Todd

Meeting Participants: Joyce Phelps and Catherine Todd – Easter Seals Oregon, Donna Patrick – Springdale Job Corps, Kristine JonBaptiste – YWCA, Lani Staab – Goodwill Industries Job Connections, Sherrie Smith – Community Energy Project, Kedma Ough – Avita and Associates, Robert Costello – OVRs, Cindy Bennett – JDN, Marina Rikker – PHC, Joan Pasco, Project Manager.

Partner updates and reports

OVRs: Expecting a funding impact with proposed reductions in state and federal budgets. The initial legislative recommendations call for significant cuts to services for the elderly and disabled.

Community Energy Project: Inundated with increased numbers of people needing energy assistance and weatherization support. Staff is seeking emergency funding of \$12,500 to buy enough supplies to continue training in the Portland area. They normally would have 15 to 20 people attending a workshop – over 80 showed up at a recent event. Funds for east county – unincorporated and outside of Gresham - are still available and Sherrie is seeking more workshops in this part of the metro area. Call her at 503.284.6827 if you can sponsor a workshop. Their next Fix-it Fair will be held on January 10th – location TBA.

Goodwill Industries Job Connection: Two new Goodwill stores opened in Clark County and both have job connection departments. Demand for services has increased a thousand fold. Their 2008 goal for hires was 6000 and that was exceeded in October. Persons using the resource rooms and inquiring about enrollment are also way up from 2007. They are increasing outreach to other community partners to help provide support to these individuals who have many barriers to employment.

YWCA: Provide in-home services to seniors, mostly funded by Oregon Project Independence. They have a limited budget with cuts expected at the state and federal levels.

Portland Habilitation Center: They are seeking new applicants due to a new Vancouver contract– both disabled and not disabled. In addition, they have several job openings for program staff. The new solar panels are done and supplying energy for their two buildings with enough to spare – they could be selling energy back to the grid. The PHC marketing coordinator is beginning a new multi-medial campaign – TV, Billboards, radio - a new in house media room has been completed and they are doing their own commercials on site.

Springdale Job Corps: The holidays can be tough for some of these students. They

house 130 resident students and train another 30 non resident combined with the 60 females at their NW center (Pivot). The campus is hosting several holiday events including a craft fair, talent show and benefit dinner. The dinner is on Dec. 17th and will benefit the Oregon Food Bank. The Public is welcome and encouraged to attend. A flyer was emailed to all ECOS partners this week. Springdale/Pivot has a ranking of #2 in the nation of the 120 Job Corps Centers.

The board approved the Minutes from the October 22nd board meeting

New Business:

PWI awards to Easter Seals Oregon – Joyce Phelps: Joyce is the new Project Director for one of the two PWI awards to ESO. She will direct the project in the Portland and Salem area. The “Learning a Living” project is a five-year project funded by the Dept. of Education. ESO also was awarded a second PWI grant to serve people living in Southern Oregon. It is headquartered in Medford. The two programs serve people over the age of 40 who have a documented disability. There is no income requirement. People just have to willing, able and ready to go to work. Their new office and training center is located at 3715 SE 39th – just south of Powell. The program does assessments, short-term training, job skills, job development, job placement and self-employment training. They have formed partnerships with Vocational Rehabilitation and Veteran’s Affairs.

Annual Strategic Planning Session – Wednesday January 28th – 9AM to 3 PM – Springdale Job Corps: Each year ECOS partners meet to analyze trends and determine areas of high need – system gaps service delivery and ways partners can work together to focus resources towards common service needs. Culinary Art Students at Springdale provide lunch and it is always exceptional. More information will be sent out in early January.

The board approved the following Anti-Discrimination Policy: (A requirement for United Way application)

ECOS does not discriminate against any employee, volunteer or customer on the basis of race, color, cultural heritage, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation, source of income, veteran status of any other status protected under local state, or federal law. This policy extends to all personnel decisions, terms and conditions or employment, vendor contracts and provision of services. ECOS does not tolerate harassment for any reason. Respect for the dignity of others shall be the guiding principle for our relations with each other.

Old Business:

Action Team reports:

Reentry/ Enterprise Development Team: ROAR – ReEntry Organizations and Resources – Anne and Doug –. Mercy Corps will act as fiscal agent for any funds received by ROAR. **ECOS will continue to support these efforts in any way we can.**

Successful re-entry is an area of critical need for all ECOS partners and we support the adoption of this project by Mercy Corps NW.

Other Project reports

SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project – Karen reported that there is a bit of extra money left in the SSP grant for supplies. The students are working closely with the YWCA north office. The application for the Adopt a Grandparent grant will be an extension of SSP and the nursing students will assist high school students with an orientation about working with older people.

SCSEP – Senior Community Service Employment Program – a collaboration with Easter Seals – Catherine reported that there is active recruitment going on now in Clackamas County – this is an area where many interested participants do not meet the income requirement for enrollment. Multnomah County continues monthly orientation meetings for intake as well. They have been very busy getting the PWI project up and running.

MIPO – MicroEnterprise Inventor’s Program of Oregon –Kedma announced that the 2009 Inventor’s Showcase will be held on May 30th at the World Trade Center. The project is expanding its advisory council to include more corporate and influential people from around the state. Each meeting will feature one inventor who will present his/her invention to the council. They have a new success story, as one of their members has been accepted by a venture capitalist and expects to have product in home improvement stores soon. They have a new So. Oregon Coordinator working out of Medford. The Techshop fabrication facility in Beaverton is available to MIPO members needing work space. Kedma has hired a full time MIPO coordinator and a P/T support person to free her up to do outreach and grow the project.

DBA – Differently-Abled Business Association –Kedma reported that the DBA is beginning the process to become a legal entity with its own tax-exempt status under the IRS 501 c6 category. ECOS will continue to serve as its fiscal agent for the current United Way grant that runs through July of 2009. The Hispanic Metro Chamber of Commerce will mentor them in their 501 c6 application process and become their fiscal agent for any new grants until IRS recognition is received. This means that DBA will make application for another round of United Way funding under the Hispanic Chamber umbrella, not ECOS. They have also begun a bartering program and have about 30 people participating.

JDN Jobs Network – Laura Bock – Laura was not able to attend. Laura has made a request to be able to apply for one of the United Way Grants under ECOS, as DBA would not be doing so. Board approval is necessary for grants over \$10,000. She will email Joan the project description and budget for a proposed United Way grant. Joan will send this out for board approval when it is received.

META: Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance grant from OECDD – This project funds training for DBA, MIPO and the Market Vendor training projects. Joan reported

that the Market Vendor project is on hold until spring when 5 vendor workshops will be held to support farmer's markets in Parkrose, Gresham, Hood River, Manzanita and Cannon Beach. The rest of the funds for this part of the training have been expended.

Budget/finance report – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc.
2008 ECOS partner contributions are now being solicited –your support is needed to cover the 501 c3 obligations for our organization. There are certain expenses that cannot be covered from grant funded projects. Thank you all for your support with this.

Many thanks to the following partners who have contributed:

PORTLAND HABILITATION CENTER
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
LINFIELD SCHOOL OF NURSING
SPRINGDALE JOB CORPS
EASTER SEALS OREGON
HUMAN SOLUTIONS
OVRs

Proposed Grants:

United Way – SSP support – Adopt a Grandparent and Intergenerational Day Care

United Way – JDN – **pending board approval** – **This is a change as the board had approved making application for a second round of funding for DBA – but they have elected to apply with the Hispanic Chamber as fiscal agent.**

United Way – Innovation grant???? Ideas being generated

Finance meeting: December 17 location TBD

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Annual Strategic Planning Retreat – January 28, 2008