

East County One Stop Board of Directors Annual Meeting
February 4th, 2004 – 8:15 AM to 10:30 AM
Partnership Room - Center for Advanced Learning – Gresham Station

Next meetings: February 25 and March 31st – 8:15 in CAL, Room 103

Meeting notes:

Participants: Kelli Walker – Workforce Connections, Jean DeMaster and Derek Beaudry – Human Solutions, Teddy Forester – VocRehab, Renee Sessler – Mt Hood Regional Consortium, Karen Cusick – Gresham Employment Office, Debbie Foote – DHS – Self Sufficiency, Patti Swanson – Janus Youth and Eastwind Services, Carolyn Morrison – Childcare Development Services, JoAnn Espinosa – Springdale Job Corps, Sheri Luru – Youth Employment Initiative, Brenda Butler – Rockwood Weed and Seed, Gwen Nothwang – member at-large, Charolotte Dorsey, Webmaster, Victoia Libov – IRCO, Fred Rau – member at large, David Landis – Adult Community Corrections

Annual Meeting Action Items:

M/S to approve all of the following – both carried with consensus vote

- Approve year-end financial statement and budget for 2004
- Review and approve list of Board Members for 2004 - attached

Elect Corporate Officers – President and Secretary – Nominations from the floor: Board President – Debbie Foote, Board Secretary – Patti Swanson. Nominations closed – unanimous approval by consensus. Debbie and Patti will be ECOS' signatories for checks and contracts.

Motion/Second to **approve support for a cooperative grant** with Linfield School of Nursing – ECOS role will be minimal. \$150,000 grant for health care/clinic in East County – see attachment – support letters are needed by February 6th -

Support for Rockwood International Marketplace – after extensive discussion, M/S for ECOS to serve as the umbrella organization for the marketplace for one additional year, with consideration for renewal for two subsequent years. Decision to be made at the annual meeting in Jan. 2005. In exchange for on-going administrative support, ECOS will have a share in the marketplace for profit sharing when the marketplace becomes vendor owned and no longer managed by ECOS. Motion carried by consensus.

Discussion items:

Safety net for services to persons not likely to be included in SAPF; tracking unmet needs and developing an advocacy plan. Discussion included both concerns about the transition of services and how the new system will meet the same level of service delivery. The budget for services has been reduced as well as a change in the point of service. Examples given include: 78% of children in school do not attend a SUN school. 66% of students on free and reduced lunch are not in a SUN school. There is no money to

continue support for teen pregnancy programs. It will be important to track the impacts and implications of this policy change.

ECOS' board agreed to provide an advocacy role and well as a supportive role in this transition. We will provide communication to partners about service delivery, location, and availability through the SAPF. ECOS partner organizations will be asked to track service levels and make notation of unmet needs with an effort to document the need for new and increased funding from public and private sources to provide a safety net to those falling through the cracks. Funding shortages and service delivery through the SAPF may create challenges meeting the needs of persons disenfranchised from schools; teens; out-of-school youth. The documentation of unmet need will help frame justification for increased service delivery in East County.

Joan will work up a format to facilitate this data collection and email it out to the board.

A secondary concern is that there seems to be little or no youth workforce advocacy in Multnomah County – wsi has not held a youth council meeting for a very long time. The reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act did not renew the initial requirement that One Stop systems serve youth.

Youth Leadership discussion: Renee Sessler is the new ECOS board member representing the Mt. Hood Regional Education Consortium. She asked for information regarding any youth leadership programs in East County. Joan will send that information out via an email to the board. This is important information for us to know, even though it is being solicited as part of a state-wide directory for youth services. Please respond to Joan with any contacts or programs that you may be award of.

The list of unmet community needs as determined by the board is attached. We will discuss one of these at each meeting for the next year.

Project Reports: report is attached

- Rockwood International Marketplace
- Intercultural Coaching Institute
- Reentry Planning Team
- DuBois Spa and Salon Training

Drawing board projects:

Cita Con Nelly – support for Hispanic TV outreach to services

TEEL – partnership with CAL for experiential learning

Linfield School of Nursing Health Screening partnership

Employment strategies for ex-offenders – SOROs grant

East County One Stop, Inc
Board of Directors - 2004

Name	Organization
Fred Rau	At-Large
Jesse Kappel	At-Large
Karen Burger-Kimber	At-Large
Gwen Nothwang	At-Large
Carolyn Morrison	Child Care Development Services
Shelly Parini	City of Gresham
Debbie Foote/John Filar	DHS – Self-Sufficiency
Renee Sessler	Mt. Hood Education Consortium
Patti Swanson	Janus Youth and Eastwind Services
Mae Cha/Anne Peterson	EC and MC Caring Communities
Gloria Wiggins/Devin Barnard	El Programa Hispano
Jean DeMaster/Derek Beaudry	Human Solutions
RuthAnn Cox Carothers	Easter Seals Cares Oregon
Victoria Libov	IRCO
Lonnie Roberts/Gary Walker	MC Commission
David Dragavon	MC Aging & Disability
Dave Landis	MC Dept. Comm. Justice
Carol Cole	MC Health Dept. (retired)
John Haines	Mercy Corps Northwest
Kelli Walker	MHCC – Workforce Conn.
Maureen Dooney/Karen Cusick	OR. Employment Dept.
Angelique Kaufmann	OR. Human Develop. Corp
Maren Peterson	Portland Habilitation, Inc.
Brenda Butler	Rockwood Weed and Seed
Marietta Schlumpf	SMS Services
JoAnn Espinosa	Springdale Job Corps
Teddy Forester	VRD
Sheri LuRu	Youth Employment Initiative

Linfield School of Nursing/ECOS Partnership: Grant to be submitted to NW Health Foundation
Goals related to NWHF grant

1. Establish a nurse run clinic in East Multnomah County, OR -- The clinic would serve two purposes:
 - provide health care to an underserved population and
 - provide a new clinical site for Linfield College nursing students and others
2. Obtain grant funding and in-kind donations from a variety of agencies and organizations to allow the clinic to be self-sustaining
3. Increase community collaboration between social service agencies and health care providers
4. Provide a mechanism for service learning for nursing students
5. Eventually provide an avenue for faculty practice and a clinical site for graduate students

Introduction

In a foreword to a December 2003 report describing the nature of poverty in Gresham, Oregon, the Community Development and Housing Committee states: "Webster defines 'community' as 'all of the people who live in a particular district, city, etc.' Another important aspect of community is the concept of having things in common, shared things... It also includes all members of the community being affected by the quality of life in our community. In this sense, what is really good for one member or group of the community is probably also good for everyone. And, what is detrimental to one member or group in the community has, to some degree, a negative impact on others." The report goes on to detail the nature of poverty in Gresham. The information is alarming, particularly about the number of children in poverty and the number of working people in poverty. It describes the poverty of the elderly, the Latino, Russian and Asian immigrants moving into the area, the numbers of individuals who fall through the cracks now that Multnomah County has moved to a school-linked health care delivery system. In short, the report details the unfortunate situation of poverty moving East in the greater Portland area.

Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing proposes to tackle this situation in the mid and East county areas with a nurse run clinic to be located in the Gresham area which will not only provide health care to this largely unserved or underserved population and will have the added bonus of expanding clinical sites for undergraduate (and eventually we hope, graduate) students in nursing.

The East County One Stop, a partnership of about 40 social service agencies currently collaborates to bring services to this poverty plagued population and they are eager for a new partnership which would bring much needed health care services to the various groups they serve.

Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing seeks a Northwest Health Foundation Grant of \$150,000 over 3 years to establish a nurse-run clinic in the Gresham area. The funds would be used as seed money to hire a part-time coordinator who would in turn rent space, acquire supplies and equipment and manage the clinic. The coordinator would be expected to write grants and obtain in-kind donations (especially expendable supplies) to maintain the clinic over the long term.

In turn the clinic becomes a practice site for nursing students. Examples follow: Beginning students would do blood pressure screenings, provide head-to-toe assessments, give immunizations and provide various health-teaching projects. Sophomore and junior students would provide nursing care for the chronically ill and mental health patients, work with pregnant families and screen for child, spouse and elder abuse. Senior students would be able to have extensive practicum experience to prepare them for work in similar agencies and would be able to learn management techniques from the clinic coordinator/administrator. In addition to services at the clinic, students will be engaged in outreach to Adult Foster Care Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, home-based child care businesses, and emergency and homeless housing services.

Board Discussion Topics: An important unmet need (s) in our community is/are:

What I see as a need to be identified is **a bridge that ties the Eastside** area together. A need for a center of sorts in which a variety of services can be provided under one roof. One spot that would be considered neutral territory. A place where many different types of services can be offered. Where youth from various high schools can access these services, and regular walk-ins could pick up information. Presently, there is no such place.

I believe this is a big problem. A problem for my program and for those who just don't know about my program. Here in the Eastside, when summer rolls around and the schools close down, information is no longer available to the youth in this area. Thus a barrier springs up for the young people who depend on the schools for information provided through bulletin boards and distributed job related material. – Sheri Luru

Businesses that offer living wage jobs. – Kelli Walker

Employment Opportunities – JoAnn Espinosa

An important unmet need in our community is family wage jobs. Derek Beadry

Improvements in the visual appeal of the outlying areas of East Multnomah County
Specifically the areas between Gateway and Rockwood. – Malcolm Boswell

Affordable housing (which leads to instability, moving expenses, uprooting families, impacting children and their education, etc.) Meg Kilmer – Parkrose

An important unmet need in our community is safe, decent housing which is affordable for people who earn less than 30% of the median income. – Jean DeMaster

An important unmet need in our community is housing for the homeless. C Dorsey

An important unmet need in our community is affordable child care, and employment opportunities – JoAnne Espinosa

An important unmet need: home based business opportunities/jobs for individuals whose best or only option is to work from home. RuthAnne

Employment opportunities for individuals with criminal backgrounds. RuthAnne

What is currently available or what we could create to aid employment seekers with criminal histories and lack of high school diplomas/GED. Not training programs but employment. – Debbie Foote

Police precinct in Rockwood (rely on Urban Renewal?) – Brenda Butler

Loaves & Fishes is working on it – but senior meal site in Rockwood area – there is a significant distance between current senior meal sites in Gresham and East Portland – Brenda Butler

There could be a need to gather all the East County players to PLAY THE GAME. Vynette Arnell of Human Solutions has a version of it of a game created by the Mid County Caring Community. Brenda Butler

A new gap in our community is the lack of community-based services for children, youth and families who will most likely not be served through the School Age Policy Framework system now in place for Multnomah County. Funds are needed to support staff who can fill the need in our community. - Patti

The one thing I think ECOS needs to work on it getting the Rockwood International Market up and running. That may bring other opportunities to us. - Gwen

Alternatives to employment: Technology, an abundance of unemployed incumbent workers, and off shore unskilled labor are circumstances that are making it more difficult for folks who are compromised with various kinds of disabilities to get entry level jobs. If landing a job is the only indicator of success among workforce networks, how will the un-employable find alternatives that could be regarded as a success? What would those alternative successes look like? Maren

With ECOS starting to allow other entities to submit grants under the ECOS umbrella (using ECOS' 501 c 3) , I think we should have a stipulation that ECOS get some kind of acknowledgement. For instance, the Cita Con Nelly Production should show at the beginning or end of their program something that identifies ECOS as a partner that has helped make this programming possible. Lennea Cordray

An important unmet need in our community is mental health and medication for people not on some type of program or insurance. – Teddy Forrester

ECOS Opportunities and Challenges for 2004: discussion is needed

Opportunities for projects and funding:

In home childcare – training and support for care givers

In home health care – training and support for care givers

Partnership with CCDS – training on dealing with violence and family mediation – for childcare providers, parents, female ex-offenders, case managers and the public

Elder Care issues

Home based business – out-sourcing of products and services

Linfield School of Nursing partnerships – community health programs

Intercultural Coaching Institute – expanded activities, weekend/short training sessions etc.

Customized training for large employers

Rockwood International Marketplace – many options for securing additional funds – including support for micro-enterprise and growth of small businesses

Re-entry and employment of ex-offenders, including resources to assist with expungement

Faith based mentor programs for youth with disabilities - partnering with OHSU

Challenges:

Regional Investment Board funding criteria has changed + funds were cut by 2/3's
State OCCWD Current Worker Skills grants will no longer be offered
Funding request to foundations have doubled in the last 2 years
DWP and Nafta re-training funds are scarce if not gone
Oregon is still in a recession
State budget short-falls are effecting all ECOS partners directly or indirectly

Current ECOS Project updates:

Rockwood International Marketplace: 2004 dates: 5 weekend events - third weekend of each month. Host: Rockwood Kaiser Permanente (North side of their parking lot - 195th and Start. Cantel Sweeping is donating their services to sweep the parking lot after each weekend event.

2004 schedule is as follows:

- May 22-23 - opening weekend - will feature the annual Rock Soup Event to celebrate living in Rockwood
- June 19-20 - tie in with June-teenth, the summer solstice, and NW Native American Art
- July 17-18: focus on Gresham's four sister cities located in Mexico, Nigeria, Korea, and Japan
- August 21-22 - Multi-cultural festival with special emphasis on Eastern European cultural activities, art and music
- September 18-19 - Celebration of Mexican Independence Day

We need volunteers to help with the planning of each of these events....if you can help or can organize a planning/clean-up/security team, please let me know.

ECOS was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Dept to support vendor recruitment and training, and is on the short list to receive funding from the Oregon Arts Commission to create a revolving loan fund to help vendors with start-up costs to participate in the markets. I will continue to pursue new funding to assist with the roll-out of the marketplace. We have a \$48,000 grant pending with the National Endowment for the Arts, a \$28,000 grant with Public Welfare Foundation, and \$9,500 request from Verizon.

The planning team will be making a formal request to ECOS board to continue as the umbrella organization for at least two more years to provide organizational stability to this effort.

More information is available on the ECOS web site: www.eastcountyonestop.org

2004 Job Coach Institute: Kick-off March 19-20 with a retreat at Menucha. Subsequent classes held each Wed. evening and Saturdays during April and May. The name has been changed to better reflect this training: **East County One Stop InterCultural Coaching Institute.** Two tracks will be offered this year - one for those wishing to develop

leadership skills to assist their communities and one for professionals seeking to provide organizational and workforce support to employers. Tuition is the same as 2003: \$1200 for the 100-hour training. The class is a registered training provider by the state board of education and WIA. Persons collecting UI benefits may qualify for full tuition thru WIA or DWP funds – if funds are still available.

Application for \$3000 in scholarship funds has been approved by the Employment Department - Community Development Funds. The Collins, Schnitzer and Jackson Foundations will be approached for additional support.

APPLICANTS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE HELP WITH OUTREACH TO PERSONS YOU KNOW OR WORK WITH...

Institute Advisory Team: Our designation as a Private Career School requires that we have an advisory team. Current members include former participants Lucy Tanner, Kathy Pierce-Spires, and Linda Strahm. It would be good to have an ECOS board member also sit on this group.

DuBois Spa and Salon training: ECOS is the fiscal agent for this \$74,000 grant. We provide fiscal oversight and project evaluation. The project is creating a significant NW training opportunity for the cosmetology and personal spa industries. This is the only advanced training in the western US to develop the skills for these folks to become advanced spa therapists and technicians. Wage change is from \$12 an hour to \$25 - \$30 an hour. Goal is for this to be a self-sustaining Academy after year one. – Press release is attached.

Reentry Planning Team: The final meetings of the Council of State Government Reentry Policy Advisory Teams were held in DC on November 16-18. Both Joan Pasco and Bob Vidos attended these meetings. They were productive and the policy recommendations will be bold, calling for significant change in the way we incarcerate persons in the US. The process has already influenced the Dept. of Justice to add the word “community” to the corrections motto of “Care, Control, and Custody”. This addition is being recommended to encourage corrections to consider their role in preparing inmates to return to their communities. Other direct recommendations include rescinding the 85% Truth in Sentencing mandate, several other mandated minimum sentencing policies that remove judicial discretion, and repeal of the qualification restriction for PELL grants for persons with an arrest or conviction.

ECOS and Central City Concern have co-submitted a \$150,000 funding request to the SOROS foundation for creation of enterprise designed to hire from the ex-felon population.

Projects “in the works”:

TEEL: Technology-Enhanced Experiential Learning – a partnership with the Center for Advanced Learning. This a new effort to fund a project developed two years ago for the 21st Century Learning grants. Project Manager is Mike Peterson. Project team is Bill Lesh, Fred Rau, Karylenn Echols, and Joan Pasco. Initial funding request will be made to the Miller Foundation. Other foundations will be approached if project is denied by Miller.

(Application was approved by the ECOS board at its October meeting)

Cita Con Nelly Productions: In partnership with ECOS, will be submitting grants to fund special educational outreach to the Hispanic Population through Cable TV. ECOS will be the fiscal agent and evaluator for any projects funded.

