

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, Feb. 27 9 AM to 11 AM  
Portland Habilitation Center Hosting**

**Meeting facilitator: Catherine Todd, Easter Seals Oregon**

**Participants: Marina Rikker – PHC, Robert Costello – OVRS, Doug Cooper – Mercy Corps, Catherine Todd – Easter Seals, Marian George, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Kedma Ough – Avita, Joan Pasco, Project manager.**

Partner updates and announcements:

OVRS: The office is implementing the Work Incentives Network to do benefit planning and counseling to persons with disabilities who are going back to work. Their Work Readiness program started this month, and they are participating in a statewide pilot program on how to work with employers and clients.

PHC: All production jobs have been moved to the new building. PHC is expanding with 19 more janitorial positions open due to new contracts. The PHC facility located at 74<sup>th</sup> and Powell is their new training office – better access with service by 3 bus lines and a more central location. They will be doing intake at both the Powell and 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. facilities.

**The board approves minutes from the December and January board meetings.**

**New Business: Action Plans from January Strategic Planning retreat**

- Examine opportunities where the ECOS alliance can influence change in these areas
- Identify creative project ideas for new foundation grants
- Set up task forces to further explore areas of greatest need

**Key issues that emerged:**

- Engage the over age 50 boomers - early retirees in a volunteer network
- Create a vehicle to bring 55ers and 25ers together to barter skills
- Explore business opportunities to provide care and services to our aging population
- Give employers tools to with a multi-generational workforce
- Consider a residential matching program pairing seniors that need a little help with college students/young people needing affordable housing.
- Help seniors create a “family of choice” to provide a supportive network
- Explore the differences between Adulthood and Elderhood.
- Telecommuting options – can we do anything to expand this?
- Create a “Craig’s List” of opportunities for seniors
- Create collaborations to design solutions – i.e. continue what the ECOS partnership does and expand it.

**Discussion:** After extensive discussion, participants agreed that the two areas of greatest focus should be re-entry and aging issues. The impacts within these areas affect every

ECOS partner agency.

Recommendation #1: ECOS should continue to support the ROAR process and seek grants and development opportunities to support this work. One key project of interest is developing a group of legal advisors that could work with inmates prior to release to assist with the legal barriers that they face upon reentry. The existing ROAR team (Anne O'Malley and Doug Cooper) will continue to lead this effort.

Recommendation #2: An ad hoc committee was formed to explore development of a hub/triage center that would be a "one stop" resource center for senior issues and services. Committee members suggested include Catherine Todd – SCSEP, Karen Hubbard and Marian George – SSP, Abby Kennedy – YWCA Sr. Services, and possibly a representative from Elders in Action and Portland Impact. The group will bring recommendations to the next ECOS board meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Catherine volunteered to be the lead on this effort.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Action Team reports:**

**Reentry/ Enterprise Development Team: ROAR – Re-Entry Organizations and Resources – Doug Cooper** – The third quarterly meeting of the ROAR group was held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended. This is a group of over 40 agencies that provide re-entry resources or services. The City of Portland is taking great interest in the workings of the group. A key project component is advising the Governor's Re-entry Policy Council on issues relating to re-entry and getting people employed post incarceration. Doug and Anne will be attending a meeting of the Re-entry Council's Steering committee on Wednesday afternoon.

**Vital Aging Task Force** – collaboration with Multnomah County - Joan Pasco – The report from this task force will be presented to the County Commission on March 20<sup>th</sup> with a reception for employers and the public later in the day.

#### **Other Project reports**

**SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project** – Marian and Karen – A smaller group of students is participating in the spring session. The students are doing medication analysis on those seniors that have not yet had this done. Thanks to a \$10,000 donation from PGE, they will again be able to offer support funds for students to purchase emergency supplies for seniors.

**SCSEP – collaboration with Easter Seals** – Catherine – The program is doing well and a primary focus is support of three job clubs – advanced, intermediate, and beginning. Finding resources for participants is challenging. SCSEP is hosting a health fair for participants in March. They are assisting participant sign up for the Oregon Health Plan lottery. (Only 3000 will be accepted and over 80,000 have applied.) The National SCSEP conference will be in Portland in August.

MIPO – Inventor project — Kedma and Christine are doing a Southern Oregon road trip in March to connect with inventors in Medford, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls, and Roseburg. They have contracted with PSU to provide three students who will be building a database for the program. Kedma has hired back-up help for the project as she will be taking maternity leave in July. The Inventor’s Showcase will be held at OMSI on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kedma is seeking sponsors and persons with unique inventions to participate. A new venture capital expert is on board with the program and grants are being pursued to provide continued funding.

DBA – Differently-abled Business Association –Kedma – The IDA program is being administered. Participants are being trained on the IDA process and are getting financial literacy training and support. Participants are attending bi-weekly support group meetings and other training and workshops are offered throughout the year.

JDN Jobs Network – Laura Bock – no report at this time – Laura will give a full update at the March meeting.

META: Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance grant from OECDD – Joan reported on the statewide market vendor training held in conjunction with OSU’s Small Farm Conference on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Over 75 people attended the break-out session conducted by Don and Joan. Many were farmers and produce growers who are exploring retail markets for their products. The project will conduct 6 secret shopper workshops at markets; and 10 customized training workshops in addition to the statewide workshop just completed. Six markets signed up for the Secret Shopper workshops after the OSU workshop and 6 of the 10 customized trainings have been completed.

**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.

**Project Grant update: refer to separate document that was attached to email.**

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 26 – HUMAN SOLUTIONS HOSTING AT LINCOLN WOODS APARTMENT COMPLEX – 2333 SE 130<sup>TH</sup>. 9AM**