

ECOS Board Meeting June 23, 2004
CAL Center – 1484 NW Civic Drive, Gresham
8:15 to 10:30 AM

MEETING NOTES

Participants: Debbie Foote – DHS-Self Sufficiency, Marian George – New Care Directions, Derek Beaudry – Human Solutions, Kay Lopez – Workforce Connections, David Dragavon – MC Aging and Disability Services, Joan Pasco – Project Manager
Unable to attend due to out of town/meeting conflicts: Carolyn Morrison – Child Care Development Services, Patti Swanson – CCDS and Janus, RuthAnne Cox Carothers – Cares Easter Seals, Karen Cusick – Employment Office, Brenda Butler - Weed and Seed, Renee Sessler Mt Hood Consortium, JoAnn Espinosa – Springdale Job Corps

Introductions and welcome: Around the table – news, events, and announcements

New Care Directions/New Care Inc: November 5-6 Care Givers Conference. 17 vendor/information tables will be available, \$25 registration fee for care givers, \$100 registration fee for organizations. Scholarships available for care givers with financial hardship (no one will be turned away), Event will be held at the Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego and will feature break-out sessions and key note speakers. More information is available at: www.newcaredirections.org

Human Solutions – have moved into their new offices in downtown Gresham – are still seeking additional space – the 501 building on 5th and Roberts is a temporary office for them. Also, they are losing the space in the David Douglas building on 122nd that has been used to provide The Closet – a free resource for clothing for low-income people. The board discussed several options including tapping into one of the several empty buildings in the Rockwood area.

Old Business:

The Board approved the Minutes from May 26, 2004

Budget/finance report – Finance report was approved as presented.

Reports on Grants pending

United Way - \$11,000 – coaching institute – did not get funded

Paul Allen Foundation - \$25,000 – Marketplace – Sept. Decision

Youth Experiential Learning project with CAL – has not been submitted

Reminder to partners to consider annual contributions – Partners contributing to date: Springdale Job Corps, Mercy Corps, Oregon Vocational Services, Oregon Employment Department and MHCC Workforce Connections, Child Care Development Services, IRCO

Briefing on the June 19-20 Rockwood International Marketplace – Joan Pasco

Joan gave an overview of the second weekend marketplace. It was very poorly attended. A combination of situations contributed to the low foot traffic, including competition of an extremely large number of weekend events and Father's Day. The market was promoted via handouts at the Grand Floral Parade, press releases to all media and area calendars, and door hangers at the largest local apartment complexes. Additional attractions for the July market include a mid-evil/renaissance group that will be doing jousting and armor construction, and a skate board competition, in addition to celebration of Gresham Sister Cities. Food 4 Less will be cooping the marketplace on their advertising and bags as well. We are seeking media sponsors to augment outreach.

New Business:

Discussion item: The board briefly discussed the need for volunteers to provide respite for care givers and family members caring for critically ill or very dependent persons. Is there a clearinghouse that connects willing helpers to need? Does Hands On Portland have this as one of their areas to assign volunteers? There is a national volunteer network called LOVE, INC – a non-profit designed to provide this type of service. Is this an area of interest or unfilled need that one of the ECOS partners may want to initiate?

Project reports – Joan provided an update on the following ECOS projects:

- InterCultural Coaching Institute
- DuBois Spa and Salon
- Re-entry team

Regional reports:

WSI and state workforce – no representative reports

Workforce Connections – contracts being negotiated with wsi; converting to a new data system to track outcomes and participants, will be providing more services in Gresham with the Employment Office and OHDC.

Gresham Employment Office – no representative reports this month

Next Rockwood Marketplace – July 17-18

Next Board Meeting: July 28, Mult. County East 8:15 to 10:30

Finance and Management Team: noon – July 19th at Sunny Han's - 3rd and Main in downtown Gresham