

**East County One Stop
Board Meeting – June 22, 2005**

AGENDA

Present: Debbie Foote, Kay Lopez, RuthAnne Cox Carothers, Teddy Forrester, Joan Pasco;

Excused with prior notice: JoAnn Espinosa, Carolyn Morrison, David Dragavon, Brenda Butler, Patti Swanson, and Karen Cusick

Introductions and welcome: Partner reports – news, events, and announcements

VR: they are hopeful their 2005-2007 state funds will be about the same as in the current budget cycle. Changes on the National level are more onerous. The VR Regional Service Areas have been cut. This results in the loss of technical support and funds. An effort is underway to roll VR funding into the Workforce Investment Act. This is not a welcome concept for VR agencies for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the length of time VR clients need to be enrolled. Youth Transition Program Grants were awarded to Reynolds, Centennial and Park Rose Schools.

Workforce Connections: They are in the final negotiations of a contract with wsi and anticipate more funds for participant services. They are also working on a training program within Inverness Jail in partnership with Aramak. Other training programs include the Vessel Welding program with is getting high placements at above average wages. MHCC is sending 13-14 people to the Career Pathways Academy at Lane Community College. They have integrated their business services team with Steps to Success and the MHCC training and workforce development department. Orientation sessions: Monday and Friday at 9 AM at the Gresham Employment Office, 2 PM on Thursdays at Workforce Connections and a limited English speaker orientation at 1:30 on Wednesdays.

DHS – Department is in a national search for a new director to replace Gary Weeks.

Aging and Disability Services – the Employment Initiative program is being cut from state funding.

Oregon Easter Seals: Reported on their Latino Connection Program and the CEO JOLI grant project. There will be no staff cuts as was anticipated a month ago.

Project Clean Slate: A series of events will be held to help people learn how to have their arrests and convictions set aside/expunged. The first event is on July 9th, from 10 to 5 at the PCC Cascade campus off North Killingsworth. All attendees must fill out an application in advance. They can be picked up at Oregon Action, 6601 NE Martin Luther King Blvd, (503-282-6588)

Old Business:

Approve Minutes from April 27th and May 23 board meetings –No quorum present.

Budget/finance report – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc.

Annual ECOS partner contributions are due

We have received contributions from Gresham Employment Office, Easter Seals Oregon, Portland Habilitation Center, Vocational Rehabilitation, Springdale Job Corps and Mercy Corps.

New Business:

New grant opportunity – OECD grants – the RFP for the next round of small business development funds will be released in late June

Bylaws changes/quorum issues: It is becoming difficult to have a quorum at most of our ECOS Board meetings. The following persons currently are identified as voting members of the board. We have not had a quorum present for the last 3 meetings.

Board of Directors - 2004

Name	Year board tenure began	Organization/Affiliation
Marian George	2004	At-large
Fred Rau	2004	At-Large
Patti Swanson	2000	At-large
Carolyn Morrison	2000	Child Care Development Services
Debbie Foote/John Filar	2003	DHS – Self-Sufficiency
RuthAnn Carothers	2002	Easter Seals Cares Oregon
Gloria Wiggins	2001	El Programa Hispano
Lani Staab	2004	Goodwill Industries
Jean DeMaster/Derek Beaudry	2002	Human Solutions
Victoria Libov/Hanh Ly	2002	IRCO
David Dragavon	2000	MC Aging & Disability
Dave Landis	2000	MC Dept. Comm. Justice
Kay Lopez/Kelli Walker	2004	MHCC – Workforce Conn.
Robert Brown/Karen Cusick	2000	OR. Employment Dept.
open til recruiter is named	2004	Portland Habilitation, Inc.
Brenda Butler/Maura White Cioeta/Kathy Minden	2003	Rockwood Weed and Seed
JoAnn Espinosa	2000	Springdale Job Corps
Teddy Forester	2004	VRD

Sheri LuRu/Jake Smith	2003	Youth Employment Initiative
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With 24 voting members, we need 8 persons at a meeting for all decisions except a by-law change which required 16 persons (2/3's of the board). We have a by-law change proposed and recommended for adoption by the board, but have not had the required 16 persons present at a meeting in order to ratify the proposed changes.

The following individuals are listed as board members but have not attended a meeting for over two years: Lonnie Roberts/Gary Walker, Ron Hall, John Haines, Angelique Kaufmann. The Caring Communities currently do not have anyone in place and the following persons have not been at a meeting for the past six months: Fred Rau, David Landis, Gloria Wiggins. David was going to get someone else from the corrections agencies to sit on the board, and El Programa Hispano has not been active since Francisco Lopez left.

Suggestion: those of you that have trouble attending the ECOS board meetings on a regular basis become non-voting members of the board. You will still be most welcome to attend meetings and will receive all board documents. If the inactive persons were removed from voting status, the ECOS board would number 15. Then we would have a quorum with 5 persons in attendance, and a 2/3's majority with 10 people at a meeting – numbers that we generally have present. This would facilitate the board's ability to take action at each board meeting.

Next Board Meeting: July 27, 2005 – Gresham Employment office – 9 AM

Finance and Management Team: Monday, July 18 11:30 at Applebee's 102nd and Halsey