

East County One Stop Board Meeting – June 28, 2006
9 AM – 11 AM – Portland Habilitation Center
5312 NE 148th – between Airport Way and Marine Drive

MEETING NOTES:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Foster – OVRS, Debbie Foote – DHS, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Natalie Mitchell – Rockwood Weed and Seed, Karen Cusick – Worksource Oregon, Kedma Ough – Avita and Associates, Heather Salek and Laura Comacho – Portland Habilitation Center, Marian George – member at large.

Others present: Joan Pasco, ECOS contracted project manager and Jeanne Schuster - Avita.

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

OVRS: Announced that the Community Warehouse: located at N. Interstate and Albina is a good resource for low-income persons. They must be referred by a case worker. Case workers pay a small annual fee and must attend an orientation. They also must accompany the person at the first visit to the warehouse. The warehouse can provide furniture and other housing needs. For more information go to: www.oregoncommunitywarehouse.org.

Portland Habilitation Center: They have jobs open for persons with disabilities as well as those without. Jobs include housing, maintenance, intake and eligibility, techs, janitors. Their janitorial training program is free and they do pay training stipends. PHC is getting referrals from Steps to Success. PHC is authorized to administer the SSI “Ticket to Work” program which gives people a safety net after their earning exceed the minimum to maintain their SSI benefits. For more information contact Laura or Heather at 503.261.1266.

SMS – Seniors Make Sense can provide persons over the age of 55 for work experience positions. SMS does pay them an hourly wage while they are out-stationed. Contact Marietta Schlumpf at 503.232.7684 for more information.

DHS: Oregon is launching a TV and media campaign led by the Governor to alert people to report signs of elder abuse which includes working with banks to be alert for financial fraud directed at seniors. Persons receiving TANF funds are now under a 5-year life-time limit. Oregon had waivers for this requirement until this year. Some TANF recipients in Oregon may be in their third year of this limit. There are few safety nets left for people once this limit is reached. A resource for low cost medications is: www.needymeds.com

Old Business:

The board approved **Minutes from May 31st** board meeting

Summer Youth Activity reports – www.palkids.org - for a list of summer activities. Locations for FREE summer lunch sites can be found at: www.summerfoodOregon.org or 1.800.723.3638.

Pedicabs and Rockwood Urban Renewal – Karen has photos from her trip to Europe where these are commonly in many cities. Good resources for more information are: www.shift2bikes.org and www.bikeportland.org. Portland recently hosted a bike summit that drew over 400 participants. We seem to be a good area to pilot the concept of Pedicabs. They

would be a welcome resource for elderly people needing to get to medical appointments or local shopping.

Wallace Medical Center location – still not word about a short-term solution. Long range, they will be housed with the multi-service center being developed in Rockwood by Human Solutions.

New Business:

Summer board meeting schedule: July 26th at Vocational Rehabilitation – East; August 23rd at PHC and September 27 in Gresham Main City Park – CCDS hosting – beginning in July Meetings will be from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. For the past several meetings, it has been difficult to get through the agenda in two hours.

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

2006 ECOS partner contributions are still due – If you need a second invoice, please let Joan know.

Contributions have been received from Springdale Job Corps, Mercy Corps, MHCC, Goodwill Industries, Rockwood Weed and Seed, Easter Seals Oregon and OVRS – Thank you all for your prompt response – and a gentle reminder to other partners – 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.

Pending grants: Joan and Kedma provided brief reports on the status of these grants.

- Patent process training project – Kedma Ough - Lemelson Foundation and OECDD Innovation funds – (July)
- JOLI grant with Easter Seals Oregon, CCDS and Mercy Corps – application for 2006 funds to replicate the CEO project in Woodburn and Salem. (Fall)
- SCSEP – collaboration with Easter Seals (July)
- Growing Tomorrow's Parents Today – a collaboration between CCDS, ECOS and Parkrose School District – (July)

Project reports

Differently-Abled Business Association – Kedma: United Way approved funding of \$36,640 a year for 3 years. Kedma provided a timeline of project activity. ECOS and Avita signed a Memorandum of Agreement about contract payments to support project activity. Kedma is seeking persons with political influence to sit on the project Advisory Council. Training will begin in September. Project support services include a resource directory and database, training, sales assistance, EBAY classes, Newsletter, business coaching, networking and much more. The project will have a booth at the Oregon Small Business Fair in September. The intake process is being developed. For more information contact Kedma at 503.998.9560.

Senior Safety Pin – Marian George and Karen Hubbard will be leading this effort. United Way funds of \$26,015 will support the one-year pilot project to connect Nursing students with homebound seniors. The details for the MOA with both Marian and Linfield School of Nursing will be worked out prior to the next ECOS finance meeting and MOA's will be prepared for both contractors. 48 persons over the age of 65 that live alone are being recruited to participate. They will receive two visits a month from nursing students who will check on their safety and well-being as well as conduct medical assessments. Marian spoke about the United Way Vision Council process to award funds. Projects that were not collaborative were not considered. People with referrals should contact Marian at 503.233.2398. ECOS will email out referral forms when they are available. Contacts will begin in September.

CEO/JOLI project with Easter Seals – Joan reported on status of the 65 businesses engaged with the CEO project. There are 5 monthly workshops left before the end of this project which is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with Easter Seals Oregon.

Rockwood Weed and Seed – Natalie announced that she has been awarded a Ford Foundation Scholarship to begin her MSW program at PSU. W&S is conducting a Rockwood Clean-up event and a Community Open House for the Salvation Army on July 8th. The new Salvation Army outlet store will be located at 194th and Stark, across the street from the Gresham Employment Office. National Night Out is August 1st. W & S will be offering income tax preparation assistance to low-income persons through a VIDA center that will be located in the community room of the new Gresham Police Station at the Fred Meyer training center. W&S and Human Solutions will have staff out-stationed at the center to do triage and resource referrals.

OECD Market Vendor Incubator Project – Joan reported that the scope of work amendment was approved by OECD. The project was awarded an additional \$7000 to do outreach to small businesses in rural communities and market vendor training around the state.

Regional reports:

Worksource Portland Metro East: (Gresham Employment Office) – OVRS has a staff person on site 1/2 day a week (Wednesday afternoons); the office remodel to accommodate Workforce Connections is about completed and their staff will be moving in by the end of July. They will no longer be called Workforce Connections, but will be part of Worksource Portland Metro East. The downtown PDX employment office is closing and staff is being reassigned to other offices. September is Workforce Development Month in Oregon. They will have an open house in September for the new alliance. Employment numbers are good; they have exceeded their goals for 2006-2006.

Meeting schedule for summer:

Finance and Management Team: Monday, July 10th - 11:30 at Sunny Hans – Downtown
Gresham Board Meetings: 4th Wednesdays – 9 AM to 11:30 AM