

East County One Stop Board Meeting – May 31, 2006
9 AM – 11 AM – Human Solutions, Inc.
12350 SE Powell – Check in at reception for room location

Meeting Notes:

Board members present: Portland Habilitation Services: Heather Solek and Laura Canacho, Human Solutions: Luba Tsinovkina and Catherine Todd, DHS – Debbie Foote, Goodwill Industries – Lana Staab, CCDS – Carolyn Morrison, Easter Seals Oregon – Joan Pasco, Parkrose High School – Meg Kilmer, Rockwood Weed and Seed – Natalie Mitchell, At-large: Marian George, Avita and Associates: Kedma Ough, OVRs: Connie Foster.

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

Human Solutions: Their Helping Hands Store, located at 2740 SE Powell is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Clothes may also be dropped off on Thursdays from 10 to 2. Each family member may get 10 articles of clothing two times a month. So far, the store has served over 16,000 people. They are seeking a new, east county location for the store. Human Solutions received a block grant from the city of Gresham for a work/jobs program that also needs space – hopefully, they will be able to combine the store with the need for the jobs program classrooms, computer lab, on-site child care and space for staff/administration.

Child Care Development Services: CCDS has expanded their resource and referral and Child Care Food Program and are now serving Columbia County; recently conducted a CEO Boot Camp training for 8 new day care center businesses; the food program and many provider trainings are now accessible on-line; applying for a federal grant to fund remote monitoring for providers in Columbia County; and are sponsoring a “Ducky Derby” fund raising event in conjunction with the Troutdale Summer Fest celebration.

Portland Habilitation Services: PHS provides employment and affordable housing for persons with disabilities. They offer free ESL and GED tutoring classes. The janitorial training program is seeking participants.

Goodwill Industries: Goodwill also offers free ESL classes; their Director of Employment Services recently received National recognition for the quality of their program and services. Participant success stories are being posted on the reader boards on MAX and Tri-met buses. The quota for 2006 is to serve 7000 people in the employment program.

OVRs: Connie Foster is steering a project to assist eligible persons to tap into worker compensation benefits. The preferred worker program is for people who have been injured on the job. Their accepted claims are valid for 3 years. Many eligible people are not taking advantage of services they are entitled to.

DHS: Debbie reminded ECOS partners that Steps To Success has production workshops that will provide free assistance with a variety of work products including assembly of newsletters, bulk mailing, information distribution, assembly of goodie bags, etc. Contact Lynette Walters for more information: 503.256.0432 #504. Also, Washington DC Representatives from the Urban Academy are visiting the Portland project.

Old Business:

The board approved the minutes from April 26th board meeting.

Summer Youth Activity reports – The Police Activity League (PAL) has several summer programs for youth, including sports camps and a National Youth Sports Program – access these at: www.palkids.org. If any ECOS partners know of other outlets for youth this summer, let Joan know and she will send the information out to the ECOS distribution list.

Pedicabs and Rockwood Urban Renewal – no new information to report.

Wallace Medical Center location – They are still seeking a location for their free evening medical clinic in Rockwood. Criteria: a medical building that is empty in the evening and is equipped with exam rooms and clinic space – that will make this space available at no cost.

New Business:

Summer board meeting schedule: The board will meet at OVRs on July 26th, Portland Habilitation Center on August 23rd, and the Gresham Main City Park, with Child Care Development Services hosting for the September 27th meeting.

Budget/finance report – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc. The board approved the finance report as presented. 2006 ECOS partner contributions are due – letters and invoices have been distributed. 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 funding.

Pending grants:

United Way – Innovation fund application – SSP project and the Community fund application – DBA project: Kedma and Marian reported on the interview process for these two grant applications. (United Way announced awards at 4 PM on May 31st. ECOS was awarded the full amount for both grants.) See below:

Congratulations! This letter is notice that the Board of Directors of United Way of the Columbia-Willamette has approved funding for the following proposals that you submitted to receive Community Impact funding for the 2006 grant award cycle. Approved grant awards are listed below:

Grant Award

Community Investment: Differently-Abled Business Association (DBA): \$35,640/year for 3 years

Project Innovation: Senior Safety Pin (SSP): \$26,015

Howard Klink - United Way of the Columbia-Willamette

Patent process training project –Lemelson Foundation: Kedma reported on the progress with this grant application. It has been sent to the Lemelson Board with a “do fund” recommendation from the Foundation’s Executive Director. The decision will be made in July.

JOLI grant with Easter Seals Oregon, CCDS and Mercy Corps – application for 2006 funds to replicate the CEO project in Woodburn and Salem. The award decision will not take place until next fall.

SCSEP – Senior Community Service Employment Project, an ECOS collaboration with Easter Seals – the decision will be made in July, with services to begin in September.

Growing Tomorrow’s Parents Today – This is a comprehensive grant application to fund consistent messages to parents from before birth through high school as well as a parental involvement center in the Parkrose School District. The project is collaboration between CCDS, ECOS and Parkrose School District. If funded, CCDS will be the fiscal agent for the project. Fund awards are expected in July.

Project reports

CEO/JOLI project with Easter Seals – Federal evaluation team visit on 5/23 – Two evaluators spent a day with us on May 23rd – this was their response following the visit:

Frank and I want to thank you for your wonderful hospitality during our visit to Portland. We came away with a great deal of good information and probably an extra pound or two from all of the food we enjoyed!

Normally we offer constructive feedback based on our observations of your project and the insights we’ve gained from other projects we’ve visited. In the case of your project, however, we came away very impressed with your work, and we don’t feel like we have anything to add that you aren’t already doing. We will be sure to send you any relevant information if we happen across any.

At some point this summer we may be in touch with you to ask a few follow-up questions that we might have missed during our visit. We also have the okay from OCS to send you an executive summary of our site visit notes.

Again, thanks for sharing with us and for making us feel so welcome!

Mark A. Lelle

Eight new child care businesses have been added to the CEO participant list. There are currently 65 businesses engaged in the project.

Rockwood Weed and Seed: This is the final year of the 5-year Rockwood Weed and Seed Community designation by the Department of Justice. Applications for new site designations are taken each year. A new site can have one contiguous border with a former site. Brenda has convened a group to research potential new sites in East County/West Portland. Natalie is

coordinating the M.A.D.D. that includes the Rockwood Business Association – they have a walking tour of Rockwood planned as well as a neighborhood clean-up day.

OCEDD Market Vendor Incubator Project – Joan has successfully submitted a request for a scope of work change that resulted in \$7000 more funding for this project. The change replaced a planned stateside conference with 10 one or two day workshops held in rural areas around the state. This change was generated from feedback from rural areas and a growing awareness that market vendors would not likely attend a state event due to time and cost.

Workshop for HS students on social service careers – Meg Kilmer thanked the ECOS partners who assisted with the Social and Human Services Career Symposium held at MHCC on May 24th. The event had a few hiccups but was well received by the students and will be held again next fall. Students provided valuable feedback that will be incorporated into the next event. A college student intern will be recruited to help organize future events. The regional consortium has indicated it will provide some financial support as well.

Update on **Linfield School of Nursing** practicum connections: Human Solutions reported a very positive experience with the students that are providing free health assessments in their low-income housing complexes. The students will provide one-on-one outreach to homebound seniors as part of the United Way funded Senior Safety Pin project.

Regional reports:

WSI and state workforce, Workforce Connections, Gresham Employment Office – no reports at this meeting.

Meeting schedule for fall/winter:

Finance and Management Team: Monday, June 19 11:30 at Applebee's 102nd and Halsey

Board Meetings: 4th Wednesdays – 9 AM to 11 AM

June 28 - Portland Habilitation Center – need dates and locations for summer meetings

July 26th – OVRS hosting: 305 NE 102nd – Suite 200

Aug. 23rd – Portland Habilitation Center

Sept. 27th – CCDS – Gresham Main City Park