

East County One Stop

Board Meeting – November 2, 2005

9 AM – 11 AM – Gresham Employment Office 194th and Stark

MEETING NOTES:

Present: Teddy Forester - OVRs, Brenda Butler – Rockwood weed and seed, Carolyn Morrison – Child Care Development Services, JoAnn Espinosa – Springdale Job Corps, Derek Beaudry and Tabitha Remchek – Human Solutions, Karen Cusick and Alison Adamson – Employment Department, Joan Pasco, Project manager.

Partner announcements:

OVRs – There have been many changes in personnel at the administrative level in the agency. VR is starting a pilot project with Worker's Compensation to direct people into the preferred worker program for injured workers. The 18-month project provides resources to qualified persons that include ergonomic chairs and furniture, moving expenses, training etc. at a reduced cost to employers. The Work Readiness Alternative Workshop (WRAW) training has been moved from the Multnomah East bldg to the VR east office on 102nd. Classes are offered each Tuesday from 1 to 4 PM. They are open to anyone with a disability and are free.

The Helping Hands Store on 27th and Powell (joint partnership with Human Solutions, St. Vincent DePaul and others) will need a new home after Dec. 27th...They are looking for replacement space in east county.

Employment Department Youth services – Alison Addison is the new youth representative at the employment department. She is seeking liaisons and contacts with area schools and youth organizations to connect them to the ED I-Match system. They are learning to navigate the system on their own. Her contact information is: Alison.adamson@state.or.us.

Old Business:

The Minutes from September 28th board meeting were approved as emailed.

Casino update – report on status of casino in Gorge – Karen Cusick – nothing new to report, the latest news items indicate it may be mid-summer

Planning for January 25, 2006 Board Retreat– Joan will prepare a draft agenda for discussion at the December board meeting. Ideas offered included getting more people engaged in the ECOS planning process, discussion the status of the trends identified in the 2005 retreat; continued discussion on a systemic approach to deal with the hardest to serve among our populations – especially those being served by multiple agencies at the same time; bringing in a speaker from wsi to share their focus and future plans; and identification of new resources for ECOS projects.

Nominations were requested to be on the December agenda for election of a new co-chair – The only nomination to date is Karen Cusick. If anyone wishes to add a name to the roster, please contact Joan before the December 7 meeting.

Budget/finance report – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc.
Annual ECOS partner contributions are due

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

Grant applications – awaiting award decisions

- JOLI grant: application for a second round – Partnering with Easter Seals for another CEO project – We have since received word that this grant was not awarded.

Potential new grants were discussed, including:

- United Way – new funding priorities and process – recommendations from advisory councils – Marian George – ideas for projects through ECOS include: Aging in Place, resources for family care givers, resources for non-family care givers.
- Patent process training project – Lemelson Foundation and OECDD Innovation funds

Project reports

CEO/Joli project with Easter Seals – the CEO project is accepting one more round of participants and will host its final CEO boot camp on December 13-14, 2005. 15 new businesses will be accepted into the project. The CEO directory is posted on the ECOS web site at: www.eastcountyonestop.org.

Rockwood Weed and Seed: Brenda reported on a recent meeting to begin the dialogue about making application for a new W & S community. The Rockwood site will lose designation after 2007. Several areas adjacent to Rockwood are being considered. They are hiring a p/t coordinator for the “Rockwood Makes Me Want to Go Mad” project. The Outreach coordinator will work with employers, retailers, and associations in Rockwood. They plan neighborhood beautification projects and more business involvement.

OECDD Market Vendor Incubator Project: the three contractors that will work on this two-year project have signed contracts: Joan Pasco, Don King and Avita and Associates. Joan will have a project timeline for board review at the December meeting.

Regional reports:

WSI and state workforce – no report at this time

Workforce Connections – not report at this time

Gresham Employment Office – the Gresham Office is hosting a Chamber of Commerce Friday AM on November 4th. Regional meetings are underway to draft the agency operational plan for the next two years. A veteran’s job fair will be held on November 8th. 80 employers are expected. The October job fair featured 15 employers with over 350 persons attending.

Meeting schedule for fall/winter:

Board meeting:, Wed. December 7th – Gresham Employment office – 9 AM – 11 AM

Strategic planning retreat: January 25, 2006 – Springdale Job Corps, 9 AM to 3 PM

Finance and Management Team: November 21 - 11:30 at Applebee’s 102nd and Halsey