

East County One Stop

Board Meeting – Sept. 28, 2005 – 9 to 10:30 AM – Gresham Employment Office

Meeting notes

Board members present: Ruthanne Cox-Carothers – Oregon Easter Seals, Lani Staab – Goodwill Industries, Teddy Forrester – OVRs, Karen Cusick – Employment Department, Brenda Butler – Rockwood Weed and Seed, JoAnn Espinosa – Springdale Job Corps, Debbie Foote – DHS Self-sufficiency Services, Derek Beaudry – Human Solutions. Also present – Joan Pasco – Project Manager

Partner reports – news, events, and announcements

Easter Seals Cares – Ruthanne reported on the CEO project – details are included later in these meeting notes. They are still waiting new of funding on several grant applications.

OVRs: The good news is that the agency was well funded in the Governor’s budget. The agency sponsored “Work Readiness Alternative Workshops” will now be conducted in the east VR offices rather than in Gresham. Connie Foster is now out-stationed at the Gresham Employment Office one day a week.

Goodwill Industries: Opening a new facility on 185th in Hillsboro to serve Hispanic population; have housed a group of 30 evacuees from the Katrina disaster – are seeing high levels of post traumatic shock in these folks.

Human Solutions: partnering in a new “Helping Hands” store located at 27th and Powell. People can get free clothing two times a month. They will need to move to a new facility in December – hopefully, eventually, this store will be co-located with Human Solutions in Rockwood.

Weed and Seed: funding for one more operational year has been approved.

Springdale Job Corps – business as usual, their fall festival went well. Springdale can expedite the process of getting hurricane evacuees into their residential programs if needed.

DHS: assisting evacuees from Katrina and Rita at the Washington-Monroe High School facility. So far over 640 persons have been processed through this facility/service. State budget cuts have resulted in hiring freeze effective September 30, 2005.

Old Business:

The Minutes from July 27th board meeting were approved as presented.

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

Annual ECOS partner contributions are due

We have received annual partner 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 – Joan reported that we are awaiting award decisions on the following grant applications. All awards will be made prior to the next ECOS board meeting.

- OECD grants – 2005-2007 cycle

Project #1 – Continued Vendor Training Workshops: ECOS as lead and fiscal agent

Project #2: - Develop training on patents, copyrights, trademarks – partnering with AVITA and Easter Seals as fiscal agent

- JOLI grant: next round – Partnering with Easter Seals for another CEO project
- Projects with Industry Grant – Easter Seals

New Business:

United Way is implementing new funding priorities and process, following recommendations from three advisory councils. ECOS board member Marian George sits on one of these three councils and would like for ECOS to consider submitting a grant to support services to seniors. Key ideas for projects funded through an ECOS application include: Aging in Place, resources for family care givers, and resources for non-family care givers.

The board discussed hosting an **annual board retreat**. JoAnn Espinosa volunteered to host this event at Springdale Job Corps. We have a tentative date for **January 25, 2006** from 9 AM to 3 PM. Springdale will serve lunch. Agenda items are welcome – get them to Joan.

The board needs to select a new co-chair at the December board meeting. RuthAnne Cox Carothers serves for one more year; Debbie Foote has completed a two-year term. Nominations are being accepted. If anyone would like to serve, or submit the name of a nominee, please contact Joan Pasco. So far only Karen Cusick has been nominated (and she is willing to serve).

Project reports

CEO/JOLI project with Easter Seals: A fifth “Small Business Boot Camp” will be held on November 9-10, 2005. This will be the last boot camp for this project. An additional 15 businesses will be accepted into the project. So far there are 47 active businesses engaged and 38 of them have their businesses in a growth phase.

Latino Connection – Easter Seals: A Salem study is almost completed; there is a possibility of expanding this program into the Woodburn area. Key project elements include computer lab training and job placement. Placements have been strong, especially with the USDA and Dept. of Transportation.

Rockwood Weed and Seed – Brenda reported on the very successful Back to School fair – over 500 people attended. Funds received for 2006 include support for MAD – Make A Difference (Rockwood Makes you Want to go Mad) project. They will be hiring a half-time outreach coordinator to help with this project. The project will include a buy local campaign, street banners, and support for community identity.

Meeting schedule for fall/winter:

Board meetings: Wed. November 2nd, Wed. December 7th – Gresham Employment office – 9 AM – 11 AM

Finance and Management Team: Monday, Oct 17 and November 21 - 12:30 at Applebee's 102nd and Halsey

Annual Board Retreat – January 25, 2006 – Springdale Job Corps