

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 24 9 AM to 11 AM**  
**MEETING NOTES**

**Helping Hands Store – 9999 SE Glisan** – Human Solutions Hosting

**Participants:** Juan Serratos – Human Solutions, Malcolm Boswell, Worksource Oregon, Donna Patrick – Springdale Job Corps, Anne O’Malley – Non-Profit Strategies and Affairs, Sam Sporson – Avita and Associates, Lani Staab – Goodwill Industries, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Kristina JohnBaptiste – YWCA, Marian George – Attorney and SSP, Marina Rikker – Portland Habilitation Center, Brendon Bassett – Metropolitan Family Services, Sherrie Smith – Community Energy Project, Joan Pasco – ECOS project manager.

**Meeting facilitator: ECOS Co-chair: Lani Staab**

**The board approved the Minutes from the August 27th board meeting with one correction: Linfield School of Nursing is undergoing a revision in both course and curriculum, not just course as stated in the minutes.**

**Annual Labor Market Report: Malcolm Boswell – Worksource Oregon**

Most of the meeting was devoted to this presentation – it was a fascinating and educational overview of the Oregon labor market with job forecasts from 2006 to 2016. We discussed many implications of how a recession affects the clients we serve and their ability to get and keep employment in tight labor markets. We also addressed the societal trends that come with a worsening economy – higher crime rates, more domestic abuse, more drug and alcohol abuse, family crisis and homelessness, more people needing food assistance, etc.

**Old Business:**

**Action Team reports:**

**Reentry/ Enterprise Development Team: ROAR – Re-Entry Organizations and Resources – Anne O’Malley** – Over 45 agencies are participating in quarterly meetings and on sub-committees. Current focus is on fund raising and getting legislation prepared for the 2009 legislative session. Two primary areas – 1.) developing the ROAR organization/consortium and clearing house and 2.) getting a service center up and running to provide wrap around services to people being released from correction facilities. This will be a center that can provide them with immediate housing and basic survival supplies as well as introduction to resources available, training and employment services. The coordinators need help from ECOS partners – they are swamped with the daily details and tasks to get this all up and running. Anne will bring a list of specific ways we can help to the next ECOS board meeting and we will offer support where possible – she needs volunteers, people to work on messaging for their education and outreach plans, could use an intern if one were available, etc. We will offer up a bit of time on each ECOS board meeting to work with Doug and Anne in a focus group atmosphere to offer our input or volunteer to do some primary research on behalf of ROAR.

**2008 Senior Services team + Community Needs Assessment – UW, VOA, Urban League and Lifeworks NW.** Joan is working with this consortium of community partners to determine areas of greatest need in the field of Senior Services. The goal is to determine a specific big-picture project that will have high impact, mobilize systemic support from agencies offering services to this population, have potential for National significance, and create a vehicle to secure new funds and resources. This is an effort to identify a key project to seek joint funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the local United Way.

**Other Project reports – these reports were minimized due to lack of time.**

**SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project** –Karen discussed the numbers of students participating and that the program is expanding into new geographic areas.

**SCSEP** – collaboration with Easter Seals – Catherine was not able to attend the meeting and will give a full report next month.

**MIPO – Inventor project and DBA** – Differently-Abled Business Association –Kedma also could not attend this meeting – these two programs will host the next ECOS board meeting in their new offices, so a complete report will be presented then.

**JDN Jobs Network** – Laura Bock – also was not able to attend. Full report next month.

**META: Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance grant from OECDD** – Joan spoke about the OECDD organizational restructuring and how it will impact services to small businesses. She also informed the board about the many farmer’s market workshops and activities being conducted with these funds. Most of the businesses participating are ag producers wanting to move from strictly wholesale into the more lucrative farmer’s market retail venues. In many cases, these markets are literally saving the family farm. She and Don also conducted two workshops at the recent Portland convention for the National Association of Cut Flower Growers. The state is also conducting its bi-annual survey of program participants to determine customer satisfaction with all 12 projects funded through the Targeted Service Provider fund.

**Budget/finance report** – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc.  
2008 ECOS partner contributions are now being solicited –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. Thank you all for your support with this.

Many thanks to the following partners who have contributed:

PORTLAND HABILITATION CENTER  
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES  
CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
LINFIELD SCHOOL OF NURSING  
SPRINGDALE JOB CORPS  
EASTER SEALS OREGON  
HUMAN SOLUTIONS  
OVRs

**Pending grants:**

Spirit Mountain Foundation - \$25,000 for ROAR – Decision in November, site visit on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
SOROS letter of inquiry – Invitation to make full application – Got the reject letter - ☹

**Proposed Grants:**

ROAR – United Way – collaboration with Mercy Corps – October RFP out, proposals due in January

**Finance meeting: October 15<sup>th</sup> location Ya Hala – 8005 SE Stark St.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 22nd – 9 AM to 11 AM**

**DBA Trade Show - AVITA office and MIPO and DBA Training Center, Vanport Plaza, MLK - 5257 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Suite 201**