

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting
October 28 - 9 AM to 10:30 AM**

**Location: Center for Advanced Learning – Gresham Station - 1484 NW Civic Dr
(On Civic Drive, between Burnside and Division – just north of the MAX line)**

Meeting facilitators: ECOS Co-chairs Lani Staab and Carolyn Morrison

Participants: Carolyn Morrison – Child Care Development Services, Lani Staab, Goodwill Industries Job Connection, Donna Patrick – Springdale Job Corps, Heather Selek – Portland Habilitation Center, Laura Bock – Job Developers Network, Joyce DeMonnin – AARP, Bill Lesh and Cathy Gibbs – Center for Advanced Learning, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Sherrie Smith – Community Energy Project, Anna Volkova and Lyubov Tsinovkina – Human Solutions, Joan Pasco – ECOS Project manager.

Guests: Gene Eng – Verizon Foundation, Rob Cullivan – Gresham Outlook

Introductions and welcome: Partner updates and reports

Portland Habilitation Center: They are recruiting part-time and flexible Janitorial workers to respond to on call and fill in jobs due to absenteeism from H1N1. Applicants for these positions should have one year of experience and do not need to have a disability. The Connecting Community event on October 15th was highly successful with over 500 people in attendance.

Springdale Job Corps: The new contractor took over management of their program on October 1st. So far, this has not resulted in any significant program changes. They are planning a Holiday Community Benefit event on December 9th – proceeds to benefit the Springdale Community Center. Enrollment is full with 165 on campus and another 67 at the satellite center downtown.

Job Developers Network: The October Diversity Job Fair was well attended with 33 employers and over 565 job seekers. They have had over 1000 inquiries on their on-line virtual job fair. The next events are a job fair on February 9th and the leadership conference on March 16. For more information go to: www.jobdevelopersnetwork.org

Community Energy Project: A new EPA ruling requires contractors to be certified in lead regulations and there is currently only one person in the state that does this certification. CEP is in the process of becoming qualified to train and award this certification. They are recruiting for new board members; the retail store is going well, with on-line sales and their Americorp volunteer has been really valuable. They are seeking interns to assist with program activity as well.

Child Care Development Services: CCDS has become a certified application/enrollment agency for the Health Kids Initiative – enrolling low-income children into OHP. They are also applying for a Congressional Hunger Fellow to conduct

analysis of the effectiveness of CCDS programs.

Human Solutions: Anna and Lyubov reported on the Peer Supported Solutions program that serves low-income from the Russian and Slavic communities. The program provides job skills and links to employers for entry-level persons with low skills and limited English.

AARP: Joyce provided information on how AARP is working on health care reform. She passed around materials relevant to how the proposed legislation may impact older adults. She also spoke about the November 17th Diversity and Aging conference that will be held in Gresham at the Multnomah County East building. Two workshops on Finding Work at 50+ will be held on December 14 and December 17th. Joan will send flyers out to ECOS partners about these events.

Goodwill Job Connection: This program is solely supported by funds from Goodwill and their retail stores – they receive no state or federal funding. In 2008 the program placed over 6000 individuals – and their good work in that year really raised the bar for 2009. Even with the current economy, after their 3rd quarter they are only 20% below 2008. They were expecting it to be much worse. They also invested over 40% more in client services and resources in 2009.

Center For Advanced Learning: Bill gave an overview of the student population and what makes CAL different from other learning environments. The Center for Advanced Learning (also known as CAL) is a high school in Gresham, OR—but it's a whole new kind of high school. At CAL, students can take advanced courses in four technology-based fields: digital media & design, networking & programming, medical/dental sciences, and engineering/manufacturing. And when they are finished, will have a high school diploma, a start on college, and real-world experiences that they couldn't get at any other high school.

At CAL, learning is hands-on. A student has access to state-of-the-art technology. For every successfully completed course students can receive college credit and also earn credits that count toward graduation from their home high school. Teachers at CAL come from local high schools and from the career field students may want to pursue. CAL is a partnership between Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, and Reynolds High School, Business Partners and Mt. Hood Community College.

ECOS board members were given a site tour following the meeting.

The board approved the minutes from the September 23rd board meeting

Presentation by The Verizon Foundation – Gene Eng

Gene Eng, VP of External Affairs at Verizon presented ECOS with a \$6000 Verizon Grant to support the Adopt-A-Grandparent project. He spoke about how competitive it is to be awarded a grant in these times and how impressed he was with the project goals and

potential to really make a difference in the community.

Discussion on the Serve America Act: Joan discussed the Serve American Act that went into effect on October 1. It is still uncertain how organizations can actually access and utilize the benefits from this legislation. The rules are still being adopted. This will be a discussion topic at the ECOS annual planning retreat held in January. In the interim, Joan will continue to keep the board informed of any funding opportunities.

Adopt-a-Grandparent project –Bill Lesh, Cathy Gibbs, Karen and Joan spoke about the project. CAL students are fully engaged with this project on many levels. The Allied Health students will be making visits to older adults, the digital/media students will help with the video taping of their Living Histories and the mechanical/engineering students will assist as needed with home safety and maintenance. So far, the project is off to a great beginning with 15 adults and 30 health students making weekly connections. Karen noted that a large nursing challenge for the future is providing health care at the community level and how this project helps connect both Linfield nursing students and CAL students to learning at a community level. The teens get to practice nursing skills and gain communication skills as well.

Rob Cullivan, a reporter from the Gresham Outlook attending the meeting and will be doing a feature article about the project.

The board approved the Budget/finance report as presented – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc.

2009 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, including our D & O Liability insurance. Thank you all for your support with this.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE: MANY THANKS!!

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

Pending grants:

- 1.) Working with Parkrose High School on a community volunteer project
- 2.) In concept phase: Property management and home repair training program to also provide in home services to seniors
- 3.) Verizon Foundation: \$10,000 to fund a clearinghouse to track CAL student volunteer hours. – Have awarded us \$6000 now with an invitation to apply for an additional \$4000 after the first of the year

- 4.) Spirit Mountain Community Fund - \$9900 request for Adopt-a-Grandparent project – decision in mid-November
- 5.) The Collins Foundation - \$25,000 request for Adopt-a-Grandparent project – decision in mid-December

Finance meeting: November 18 – 11:30 at Location - Acapulco Restaurant

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 2nd – Location TBD

Winter board meeting schedule: Nov-Dec meeting – December 2nd

January – Annual Planning Session – January 13th or 20th – check calendars!!