

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 23 9 AM to 11 AM – Human Solutions hosting**

**Meeting notes:**

**Meeting facilitators: ECOS Co-chairs: Lani Staab and Catherine Todd**

**Participants:** Catherine Todd and Tosca Rawls – Easter Seals Oregon, Lani Staab – Goodwill Industries, Laura Bock – JDN, Donna Patrick – Springdale Job Corps, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Tamara Webster – Human Solutions, Marina Rikker – Portland Habilitation Center, Marian George, Dong Cooper – Mercy Corps and Joan Pasco – Project Manager.

**Announcements:**

**Human Solutions:** sponsoring a clothing drive to support the Helping Hands Store on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 3 PM. They need professional clothing for parents, casual clothes for the whole family, new underwear and socks, blankets, dishes, new hygiene products, and misc. household items. Call Susan at 503.517.0298 for more information. They will also have donation centers at neighborhood and community events. Juan Serantos has been hired as the new Employment Services Director.

**Portland Habilitation Center:** Hiring for 45 new janitorial jobs resulting from the new PSU contract. Candidates must have a disability. They go through a 4 to 8 week training process – and are paid during the training time.

**Springdale Job Corps:** Their Culinary Arts program is competing in the Iron Chef Culinary competition in San Francisco. On Friday Springdale will graduate 45 persons.

**Goodwill Industries:** The Vancouver office has a focus on employment for persons with a criminal history.

**The board approved the minutes from the March 26th board meeting**

**New Business: Report from 2008 Senior Services team** – Catherine, Karen and Marian reported on progress. The group will meet again prior to the next ECOS board meeting. They are developing a “One Stop” service center concept that will facilitate senior access to services.

**Old Business:**

**Action Team reports:**

**Reentry/ Enterprise Development Team: ROAR – Re-Entry Organizations and Resources – Anne and Doug** – Primary activity has been meetings with the Governor’s Re-entry Council and working groups. There are many reasons to be optimistic that the re-entry agenda will be supported by the Governor and the Dept. of Corrections. Congress passed the Second Change Law, which will also bring new funds to these programs. The ROAR priority is to create wrap-around services for persons with a legal history, preferably offered through a One Stop Re-Entry Center patterned like the ones in Philadelphia – link follows. A pilot program is being designed and will be an ECOS grant application to United Way in October. The concept will include intensive triage – 3 to 4 day workshops that highlight resources available to help the re-entry transition. Participants will receive vouchers that can be exchanged for services at any of the ROAR organizations. These organizations then redeem the vouchers for cash from the supporting grants.

Link to City of Philadelphia Re-Entry One Stops  
[http://www.phila.gov/reentry/Job\\_Training.html](http://www.phila.gov/reentry/Job_Training.html)

Link to Colorado Resource: Getting Out and Getting On Manual

<http://www.ccjrc.org/>

**Vital Aging Task Force** – a collaboration with Multnomah County - Joan Pasco  
AGING AND HUNGER: Multnomah County: DHS – Self-Sufficiency has 2521 persons over the age of 55 that receive food stamps. A staff person at Multnomah County Aging and Disability services is researching to find a more comprehensive count.

### **Other Project reports**

**SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project** – Marian and Karen – The nursing students are doing medication analysis; Karen is working on program and system redesign; the college is increasing emphasis on student engagement in the community which is helpful to the program. Over 100 students have made contact with over 55 seniors who live alone. Marian has contacted the seniors about the experience and they state that they value the contact and the companionship from the student nurses. Doug Cooper suggested we also look into the community service requirements that most high school students must do – This generated a lot of discussion about increasing the number of contacts these seniors can receive each week. Students who self-select this service option would likely be receptive to working with older adults. The students will have go through an orientation session prior to participation – it was suggested that perhaps the student nurses could conduct this orientation. Donna Patrick at Springdale volunteered to work with Karen at Linfield to do a pilot with the Springdale CNA students; as they also have a community service requirement for graduation. This idea spawned many other suggestions including yard and outdoor work for homebound individuals if we could create the infrastructure to be a clearing house for student volunteers.

**SCSEP – Senior Community Service Experience Project:** a collaboration with Easter Seals – Catherine – The program coordinators are working on data validation and preparing for a June audit. May is Older American's Month. They have a meeting with Ron Wyden to talk about health care issues for people over the age of 55. The Salem office is also meeting with state legislators on the same issue. Tosca Rawls has been accepted into the Teach for America program and will be leaving SCSEP to teach at an inner city school in Chicago. They are interviewing for her replacement. The recent Providence Health Fair was well attended and offered health screening, access to energy assistance and other senior related self-sufficiency issues. The first Business Advisory Council meeting has been held, and they are seeking other business partners to participate.

MicrEnterprise Inventor's Program of Oregon (MIPO) and Differently-abled Business Association: (DBA) – Kedma could not be at this board meeting due to a site visit by United Way. She submitted the following report for MIPO and DBA.

MIPO - MIPO has been working very hard for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Oregon Inventors Showcase to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10-3 pm at OMSI. The keynote speaker is John Calvert with the USPTO and Congressman Wu's office will be present. In addition, we received a letter of endorsement to commemorate the occasion by Governor Kulongoski. There will be 25 inventors showcased and trainings from key experts in the field of IP protection, prototype design, access to funding, licensing options, and business processes. The showcase is free to the public with a \$ 5.00 suggested donation. For more information please visit our website at [www.dbaoregon.org](http://www.dbaoregon.org)

DBA – The DBA has been working on building our support group. The DBA has just contracted with Sunshine Dixon to help administer the dba. In addition, the DBA is looking at creating an art

show in the summer to support DBA clients.

**JDN Job Developer's Network** – Laura Bock: The JDN has several training and workshops scheduled. The full report was emailed to the board in a separate document.

**META: Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance** grant from OECDD – Joan – This grant supports training for the MIPO and DBA programs as well as provides support to businesses that sell in local farmer's markets. The project is full – we have committed to all of the workshops and trainings funded in this cycle. We will be conducting 6 secret shopper market workshops and 10 customized workshops. A statewide market conference was held on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the OSU Small Farms Conference.

**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

**Project Grant update: refer to separate document that was attached to email.**

**Finance meeting: May 20 – 11:30**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> – 9 AM at MERCY CORPS NW  
2069 NE Hoyt, Portland (one block north of Sandy between 21<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>)**