

**ECOS Board Meeting – THURSDAY, August 12 2010
2 – 4 PM**

Location: Gresham Main City Park – CCDS hosting

Meeting notes:

Participants: Juan Serratos, Lyubov Tsinovkina – Human Solutions, Krisitna JohnBaptiste – YWCA Senior Services, Carolyn Morrison, Asham Swem – Springdale Job Corps, Heather Selek – Portland Habilitation Center, Mariana Illk – guest, and Joan Pasco, ECOS Project Manager.

Meeting facilitator: ECOS Co-chair - Carolyn Morrison

Introductions and welcome: ECOS Partner updates and reports

Springdale Job Corps: Students are back full time from their summer break. As part of their on-going advocacy and educational outreach, staff is hosting visits from congressional members during the August recess. They are also going through an annual program assessment. Their program ranked 14th in the nation for the past year.

Human Solutions: Their fiscal year began on July 1. Their employment programs are busy and doing well. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new shared services Rockwood Building on August 24th at 1 PM. Some of the services that will be located in the building include: Outside In, MHCC Head Start, Loaves and Fishes, Life Works NW, and Wallace Medical Concern.

YWCA Senior Services: State budget cuts to Oregon Project Independence have been delayed until February. A short reprieve for what will be a devastating loss in services to area seniors that rely on in-home care to stay in their own homes. In the interim, they cannot add any new people to the program. They have started monthly bus transportation to local farmer's markets for seniors. Many of the markets have a 2 to 1 match of SNAP funds with market vouchers – a great deal for people on food stamps.

Child Care Development Services: They are preparing for an annual audit; reviewing income eligibility of providers; and are very busy with their expanding on-line training which is being used nationally. All of their funds are federal, so they are not impacted by state budget cuts. The renewal of the authorization of the Child and Adult Food Program is expected any day now. They met with Senator Wyden recently to get his support for making additional revenue commitments to the program. The Defense department has weighed in stating how important nutrition programs are to the nation's defense. For the second year in a row, CCDS has been cited by the Oregon Business Magazine as one of the top 100 best non-profits to work for in Oregon. Last year they were ranked fourth and this year, the magazine has interviewed them and they will be a featured non-profit in the magazine. CCDS also made their list as one of the Best Green Companies in Oregon.

Portland Habilitation Center: They have three low-income housing apartments available in Albany with no wait list. Overall, PHC has experienced about a 14% reduction in janitorial contract work since last year. This has resulted in cut backs in the number of people they employ in the janitorial services program. The new Unlimited Career School will be open soon. There will be a tuition fee charged for this new training. Training will include Engineering Drafting Software, Home Repair, Landscaping and more.

The board approved the minutes from July 8, 2010

Recap of Proposed State Budget Cuts and implications:

The board discussed where we stand today with Federal Stimulus funds and Emergency funds: The proposed cuts include elimination or serious reductions of: child care subsidies (December 2010), Oregon Project Independence, Meals on Wheels, State Plan Personal Care and hours for Housekeeping and cooking and many other services to seniors will cease on February 1, 2011.

Project reports

Job Developers Network – They have a Diversity Conference scheduled for October 1, 2010. Complete details: www.jobdevelopersnetwork.org

Adopt-a-Grandparent project –Joan continues to seek funding to sustain and expand this project. It will continue as a pilot with the Center for Advanced Learning for the coming school year, but is limited to serving only 15 older adults and 60 students. The capacity to serve more is almost unlimited with over 8000 high school students doing volunteer community service work and over 1200 older adults who live alone and receive Meals on Wheels. The students could be providing valuable support to these seniors as they lose in-home care from the state. Joan will be meeting with the new CAL Director, Andie Webb on Friday.

Budget/finance report – 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.

The board approved the following invoices to be paid:

- \$900 – Adopt a Grandparent – Joan Pasco**
- \$40.99 – supply reimbursement – Joan Pasco**
- \$300 – ECOS project management – Joan Pasco**
- \$25.00 – Color my Web – Web services**

Partner Contributions received – many thanks!!

Child Care Development Services, YWCA, Human Solutions, Inc., OVRS, Portland Habilitation Center, Springdale Job Corps, Easter Seals Oregon,

Pending grants:

- In concept phase: Concierge service for seniors – manage life issues – when to move/sell, assistance with details, home maintenance/home improvement loads etc.
- Best Buy Foundation - \$10,000 for Grandparent project – submitted June 25th
- NWHF - \$190,000 for Grandparent project LOI – September 1st cut, decisions in Dec.
- MMT letter of inquiry – Grandparent project
- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – LOI – need support letters**

Next meeting: Thursday, September 9th (2nd Thursday of each month) 2-4 PM

Location: Human Solutions – Rockwood Community Office