

East County One Stop Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2007 – 9 AM to 11:30 AM
Rockwood Community Center – 18709 SE Stark

MEETING NOTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Debbie Foote – DHS, JoAnn Espinosa – Springdale Job Corps, Megan Floyd and Tosca Rawls – Human Solutions, Marina Rikker – Portland Habilitation Center, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Marian George, Connie Foster – OVRS,. **Also attending:** Anne O'Malley, 3 Communications, Joan Pasco and Kedma Ough, Project Managers.

Introductions and welcome: Partner reports – news, events, and announcements
Human Solutions: Their Living Solution project began in October and is serving 65 people. The program focuses on training for jobs in Health and Human Services organizations. The program features job training, education, placement and retention services.

The board approved the minutes from the November and January board meetings/retreat.

New Business:

Select new co-chairs for 2007: JoAnn Espinosa and Catherine Todd were nominated and elected to serve ECOS in this capacity.

Determine action plan to address issues from retreat

The board selected the following projects as 2007 priorities – action teams are being developed to formulate recommendations for each:

1. Job Retention: Deliver training on “30 Ways to Shine As a New Employee – A Guide to Success in the Workplace” Ideas: Collaborate to provide this 6 session (5 issues per session) training at least once a year. The workshops support participants’ ability to keep a job and be successful in the workplace.

Action team: Connie Foster and Robert Costello – OVRS, Tosca Rawls – Human Solutions, Catherine Todd – Easter Seals, JoAnn Espinosa – Springdale Job Corps.

2. The board combined these two issues into one study group: However, the projects are distinct and separate. Background checks: Develop resources to support the expungement process: Secure funds to pay for the \$80 fee and a part time position to assist with the process. Help clients find out what a background check will reveal about their history and what they can do to mitigate this in the interview process.

Resources: Metropolitan Public Defenders, Legal Aid, (Consider a collaborative grant with Legal Aid) **Create enterprise and jobs to hire and train people from the TANF, Senior and Disabled populations.** We have notes from a meeting with the originators of the Pioneer Project that could guide our process. Also, a full grant was written in partnership with Central City Concern a few years ago – submitted to the SOROS foundation, but it was not funded. A sub-committee was suggested to work on this.

Action team: Anne O'Malley, Catherine Todd, Joan Pasco, Marian George

3. Develop a network of retired persons to comprise a cadre of volunteers to support several

project areas: Seniors, youth, social services, self-employment etc.: brainstorm options to pair up individuals that can provide living support for each other; match able-bodied seniors with those with cognitive problems. Model: Come Back Kids concept developed by Child Care Development Services. This is a grant opportunity for a collaborative project.

Action Team: Daren Hubbard, Joan Pasco, Marian George, Carolyn Morrison

Board members are encouraged to volunteer to work with at least one of these three groups. The charge to the action team is to flesh out the issue, explore options, identify resources that may be available and find sources for potential funding. Joan will follow up with writing grants.

Regional reports:

WSI and state workforce; Worksource Oregon Metro East and Workforce Connections – no report at this time.

Other Project reports

Rockwood Weed and Seed – Brenda/Natalie – Vita Tax Center is open and getting many customers. The center provides free tax preparation for low-income people and is located in the Rockwood Community Center.

SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project – Marian and Karen – Project is on track, is serving 50 seniors with a wait list of 6. United Way will do a site review in March. The nursing students and Linfield are both pleased with the project.

SCSEP – collaboration with Easter Seals – Full report in March when Catherine Todd is back.

MIPO – Inventor project –Kedma presented an overview of project activity with includes an Inventor Showcase on April 21st and the possibility of ABC's America Inventors Show coming to Portland to do a screening. They have been on the road, working with inventor groups in Coos Bay and Roseburg. Letter of Inquiry for funds have been submitted to MMT and the Murdock Charitable Trust. Full application for grants is by invitation.

DBA – Differently-Abled Business Association –Kedma The classes are going well. Topics include eBay, sales, Yoga, and public relations. A Business Edge support group has been formed. United Way is doing a site visit on March 7th. They received 5 computers from Free Geek and have set up a computer resource room.

OECD MVIP – Market Vendor Incubator Project – Joan – 8 Market vendor classes will be held for Portland Saturday Market Vendors March to June. This project concludes on June 30th. A 10 session series will be held in May and June. (Two workshops a week for 5 weeks). The schedule will be emailed out soon. Cost is \$25 per workshop. Open to anyone interested in selling in weekend markets.

CEO/JOLI project with Easter Seals – Joan – this project is officially over – ending on Feb. 28th. We have 90 days to encumber any remaining loan funds and submit final project reports and evaluation. 55 businesses were started through this project.

JDN Jobs Network – Connie Foster – The new website is active: www.jobdevelopers.net. ECOS partners are encouraged to use the GoodSearch search engine to support the JDN. There is a link on the ECOS web page or go to: www.goodsearch.com. This engine contributes one cent

back to ECOS with each hit on the site. Funds generated will support the JDN. They have met with the employment department and have been invited to join the business outreach team.

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

2007 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. Contributions have been received from Springdale Job Corps.

The board approved making application to US Bankcorp for a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for DBA.

Meeting schedule for spring

Finance and Management Team: TBD

Board Meetings: Locations yet to be confirmed

March 28 – Portland Habilitation Center

Proposed date change for ECOS from the 4th Wednesday to the 3rd due a conflict with Debbie Foote's schedule....we will vote on this at the March 28th meeting.

April 18 – OVRs

May 16 – Worksource Oregon Metro East ?