

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting
February 25th 9 AM to 11 AM**

MEETING NOTES:

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

PARTICIPANTS: Karne Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Joyce DeMonnin – AARP, Lani Staab – Goodwill Industries, Carolyn Morrison – Child Care Development Services, Kristina JohnBaptiste – YWCA Sr. Services, Marina Rikker – PHC, Sherri Smith – Community Energy Project, Robert Costello – OVRs, Cindi Bennett and Laura Bock – JDN, Asha Swem – Springdale Job Corps, Luis Rodriguez – Human Solutions, Joan Pasco – Project manager.

Introductions and welcome: Partner updates and reports

OVRs – Beginning on Jan. 15, 2009, all new participants are placed on a wait list until new funding is approved – most likely after July 1. The state enacted this mandate in order to have enough funding in the current fiscal year to serve those already enrolled and receiving services. Applicants are referred to other agencies that may have the capacity to provide them with service.

Springdale Job Corps: They have hired a new disability coordinator – the position has been vacant for some time. Director and staff, along with a few students will visit Washington DC to meet with the Oregon members of Congress and lobby for reauthorization of Job Corps funding.

Goodwill Job Connection: High unemployment (Over 10% in Clark County) has resulted in huge numbers of potential participants. They have initiated a “quality over quantity” limiting case managers to no more than 100 on case load at any given time. Many were carrying over 125. Their goal is to clear people off within 30 days, so new applicants are still encouraged. They register with the receptionist who will call them when there is an opening.

Child Care Development Services: Carolyn will also be going to DC to lobby for the reauthorization of USDA Child and Adult Food Program funding. Their organization is growing; the state will soon grant approval for them to expand to serve centers as well as in home providers; demand for their on-line provider training continues to increase and they are in the process of getting accreditation to offer CEU credits for this training. Many new providers are opening a day care business, in part due to people who have lost their jobs and seek supplemental income and access to the food program. On the other hand, some providers are losing their homes to foreclosures, forcing them out of business.

Community Energy Project: Trying to hold on to staff in challenging times; have made application for interns – AmeriCorps and other programs; they also have many people on a wait list as funding is tight until after July 1 when the new fiscal year begins. They continue to offer train-the-trainer workshops to help other organizations incorporate their model. They have been in high demand from organizations in many states. They are developing a DVD and will be doing viral marketing on U-Tube. The four basic workshops they conduct are: weatherization, two on lead prevention, and one on water conservation.

Human Solutions: Luis Rodriguez was sitting in for Juan Serratos who could not attend. 75-80% of goals in the employment and training programs have been met with over 5 months left in the fiscal year. Demand is high for all services, programs, and resources. The need for employment coaching is especially high.

YWCA – Budget situation is pretty dire – both at state and local levels. They are seeing an increase in retired people seeking employment – in many cases after being retired for many years. Due to this interest, they are going to conduct a small event that will highlight Training and Employment programs.

Linfield School of Nursing: Currently have four Nurse Educator positions open. This is quite rare, as there has not been more than one vacancy at any time in the past 19 years. Health care professionals are aging into retirement with a shortfall of people to take their place.

The Board approved the Strategic Planning report from the Jan. 28th meeting.

New Business:

AARP Survey and Update – Joyce DeMonnin

Joyce presented an interactive program on the future of Social Security. She forwarded a copy of the major findings and information to all board members in a separate email. It was very interesting and informative.

Project reports

SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project – final report has been sent to PGE Project is closed. The extension of this project is the “Adopt a Grandparent” project pending funding approval from United Way. If funded, it will be a partnership with CCDS, Linfield School of Nursing, DDHS, PHS, CAL and RHS. The project will link students in Health Care Occupation strands with elders. The students will learn about geriatric care and record the life history of their adopted grandparent; elders will engage in new socialization opportunities and get assistance to help them live in their own homes for as long as possible. An intergeneration child and adult care component is also included in the project.

SCSEP and PWI Learning a Living projects – collaboration with Easter Seals – Catherine Todd and Joyce Phelps – extension from retreat – This report in postponed to March 25th. Neither Catherine or Joyce could attend the Feb. meeting and we will be meeting in their offices for the March 25th board meeting.

MIPO – Inventor project and DBA – Differently-Abled Business Association –Kedma Ough could not attend – she will give a full report at the next meeting.

JDN Jobs Network – Laura Bock – The Feb. 3rd job fair attracted over 900 job seekers. 23 employers had tables. The PGE grant funded the Job Fair as well as the April 3rd Diversity Leadership Workshop that has over 45 employers already registered. For more information on these and other JDN program activities log on to: www.jobdevelopers.org

META: Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance grant from OECDD – Joan Pasco and Don King will be conducting five market workshops this spring. Funding from the state for the Targeted Service Providers will be cut, but it is not expected that the program will be eliminated for 2009-2010. This fund is dedicated to support for small and micro-enterprise.

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. 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**

Pending grants:

United Way – SSP support – Adopt a Grandparent and Intergenerational Day Care – A partnership with CCDS, Linfield School of Nursing, DDHS, PHS, CAL and RHS

Finance meeting: Wednesday, March 18th – 11:30 at Ya Hala

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 25th at Easter Seals PWI office – 3715 SE 39th.