

**East County One Stop Board Meeting - THURSDAY, June 7 – 9 AM to 11:30 AM
Portland Habilitation Center – 5312 NE 148th**

MEETING NOTES

Meeting facilitators: ECOS Co-chairs: JoAnn Espinosa and Catherine Todd

Board Members present: Marian George, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Connie Foster and Robert Costella – OVRS, Lani Staab – Goodwill Industries, Laura Bock – JDN, JoAnn Espinosa – Springdale Job Corps, Catherine Todd – Easter Seals Oregon, Derek Baudry – Human Solutions, Marina Rikker – Portland Habilitation Center.

Project managers present: Joan Pasco, Kedma Ough

Guests: Thomas Jensen – CASA of Oregon

The board approved the minutes from April 25th board meeting

New Business: IDA collaboration – Thomas Jensen

Kedma introduced Thomas Jensen with the Community and Shelter Assistance Program. Thomas presented an overview of the IDA program they administer. The ECOS DBA project would like to partner with CASA and begin offering IDA options to its participants. These IDA's are matched saving accounts available to low-income families. Savings may be used for home ownership, education and training, or small business development. These offer a 3 to 1 match. There is also a 10% fee that returns to the project after each participant reaches the saving goal and gets match funds. The maximum pay out with match is \$4000 returning \$400 to the project that enrolled the participant. After extensive discussion the board unanimously approved partnering with CASA and offering the IDA option to ECOS participants.

Old Business:

Action Team reports:

1. Job Retention Team: Robert reported on team activity since the last meeting. They have explored other similar programs, with Dress For Success offering one of the best models. However, due to cost, historic low participation post employment, and other feedback; the group is recommending that ECOS not move forward with this idea at this time. If the training could be part of pre-employment rather than post-employment we likely would have better participation. Laura and Catherine are going to move forward with a concept within the SCSEP project. This will be a pilot and if successful, ECOS will reconsider expansion of efforts.

2. Enterprise and Re-Entry Development Team: This team is hosting a meeting on June 13th of re-entry practitioners in the Portland area. Over 25 people are expected. Meeting outcomes include a matrix of who is doing what in the area of employment for ex-offenders and a short list of resources that exist and what is needed to be more successful in this area. A full report will be issued after the meeting. They continue to move toward the goal of creating enterprise to hire ex-felons. This could mean buying an existing business; creating a new business; or working with local business owners who commit to hiring from this population.

3. Senior services/cadre of volunteers established: Joan will be working with the Multnomah County Task Force on Vital Aging to forward the ECOS goal of getting more resources to help seniors remain independent for as long as possible. These include employment options, resources to help them age in place, and engaging more volunteers from the retired population.

Other Project reports

Rockwood Weed and Seed

GGAPP Faith Team	6-12-07	RCO	11:30 – 12:30
Rockwood Steering Committee	6-19-07	RCO	4:00 to 5:30 pm
Neighborhood Restoration Team	6-19-07	RCO	(on agenda 4:10)
GGAPP Sustain Team	6-21-07	RCO	4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Crime Prevention Team	<i>Last Friday of the month</i>		
Rockwood Business Coalition	6-06-07	RCO	8:30 to 10:00 am

Please note: *Weed and Seed Meetings are held at the Rockwood Community Offices (RCO).*

COMPUTER CENTER IS OPEN – The reservation schedule is ready for the computer center. Five computers are available, two more slated to complete the center. Day classes, adults and one instructor can use the center at no charge. Contact Sara Broderick at 503-816-1530.

PAL SPORTS CAMP June 25-29, celebrates eighteen years of providing summer day /sports camp experiences for ages 8-14. Held at David Douglas HS, 8:45 – 2:30 p.m. cost is \$30 for the entire week and includes lunch. Contact PAL 503-823-0250 or download a registration form at www.palkids.org

SUMMER STORY TIME- We have scheduled stories at several FREE summer lunch sites in Rockwood. Storytellers will share their gifts, give out free books and liven up the lunch programs. Contact Sara Broderick at 503-816-1530 for a complete schedule and program info.

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR- Discussions are ongoing to build a *cohesive, replicable* and *effective* school supply distribution system for children in need. If you would like to be involved in supporting this terrific community effort please let us know. Tentative dates are 8/23 or 8/25 and location TBA. Please contact Sara Broderick at 503-816-1530.

Mandatory Reporting Class held May 23, 2007 included fourteen participants. Special thanks to Mary Baker from Oregon State who provided the training. Important information on domestic violence and foster care were shared in addition to a terrific group discussion!

SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project – Marian and Karen: This United Way Innovation project sunsets in July. Grants are being written to continue the project for the next two year. Project outcomes have been exceeded. The experience for both the senior participants and the nursing students has been very positive. The final site visit is on June 12th. Over 100 students worked with over 55 elderly participants.

SCSEP (Senior Community Service Experience Program) – An ECOS collaboration with Easter Seals – Catherine: The first year of the project concludes June 30th. This was an abbreviated year as the transition of the program from AARP did not occur until October. 23 employment placements have been made since February. There is a definite “age bias” on the part of employers. Rejection and low-self esteem lead to depression that is a serious issue with SCSEP participants. SCSEP will do a job fair in September in conjunction with “Hire an Older Worker Week”. An ad campaign begins in the Oregonian next week.

MIPO – Micro-Enterprise Inventors of Oregon project –Kedma: This is a project funded by the Lemelson Foundation. Year one ends in August and application for the second year funds is underway. They have expanded into Central Oregon and have two new consultants working on the project – one in Bend and one in Coos Bay. A venture capitalist specialist is also on board. Kedma is pursuing a strategic partnership with the Youth Inventor’s Network. MIPO will host a two-day meeting with the US Patent and Trade Office on Nov. 9-10.

DBA – Differently-abled Business Association –Kedma: 60 to 80 businesses are being served. They are all owned and operated by a person with a disability. Many will be eligible to participate in the IDA savings account programs offered under CASA. This will generate some new income for the program as well as helping clients accumulate assets. A unique class is being offered on creating a business plan that fits people with disabilities. It is a hands-on learning in the computer lab. The business support group meets twice a month – this is a networking meeting that often includes a guest speaker. The eBay selling classes continue and they are doing some rural outreach.

OECD MVIP – Market Vendor Incubator Project – Joan: We have trained over 250 market vendor businesses so far. As the project sunsets on June 30th, we have a flurry of late comers wanting the training before it goes away – June is a very busy month!! A typical training consists of market observations, vendor critiques and photos of each vendor interacting with customers at the market. A 2-hour workshop is held after the market closes for the day. This is an intense training that works one-on-one with participants to help them improve their booth design, retail and customer service skills. Our work with the Micro Mercades vendors from Hacienda CDC has resulted in a 30% increase in their household income (from their tamale sales). We coached 6 women last season and 14 are participating this summer. They average over \$600 a week in sales – per woman – during the market months. This is considerable supplemental income for these low-income families. Plus they are learning critical skills on how to sell and market their food products. Their language skills are improving and one woman bought a car – her own car, by herself – something she never thought possible! They are also becoming more independent and assertive.

JDN - Job Developers Network – Laura Bock: the new web site is completed; over 100 subscribers have access privileges to the information on the site. Laura continues to seek longer term funding and support.

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.

Partnership contributions received to date – THANK YOU!!

- **Springdale Job Corps**
- **Mercy Corps**
- **Goodwill Industries**
- **Portland Habilitation Center**
- **OVRS**
- **Easter Seals Oregon**
- **Human Solutions Inc.**

Grant update:

Murdock Charitable Trust – MIPO = \$103,500 - submitted

Key Bank – MIPO – being written

US Bank Foundation – DBA – was not funded

MMT letter of inquiry for SSP – submitted April 25.

Rose Tucker Trust – SSP = \$74,250 submitted

PGE Foundation – SSP = \$74,250

The board offered blanket approval to the SSP, MIPO, DBA and JDN to pursue grants over the summer, as we will not meet again until August. In the event that board approval is needed, Joan will email the board to get an electronic vote.

ECOS Board Meeting schedule: As July 5th would be our next regular meeting date, the board opted to wait until August for the next meeting. Human Solutions will host the meeting on THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND. 9 AM TO 11 AM.