

East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting
June 24th 9 AM to 11 AM
Host: Child Care Development Services

Meeting Notes

Participants: Malcolm Boswell – Worksource Oregon, Lani Staab – Goodwill Job Connections, Kristina JohnBaptiste – YWCA Senior Services, Donna Patrick – Springdale Job Corps, Sherrie Smith – Community Energy Project, Sam Sporsen – MIPO and ODC, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Heather Selek – Portland Habilitation Center, Carolyn Morrison – Child Care Development Services, Juan Serratos – Human Solutions, Cindy Bennett – LDS Employment Services and Job Developers Network, Joan Pasco – ECOS Project Manager.

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

Partner updates and reports

Community Energy Project – The project is getting over 20 calls a day for assistance – but lacks the funds to support this level of need. They are in a re-structuring phase and have a new Americorps/Vista person on staff that will be in charge of volunteer services. Sherrie Smith will dedicate her time to marketing and getting the retail store established. They are training interns to assist with retail sales and training – workshop support, etc. This is their 30th year of providing services to the community and they are planning an anniversary celebration in the fall, possibly in conjunction with the opening of their new retail store.

Human Solutions: Due to the economy, things are slow right now. The Helping Hands Store closes this week. Human Solutions will continue to use some of the office space for staffing needs and meeting space. Their new multi-service center building is scheduled for completion in October of 2010. It will be located near 181st and Burnside. There may be room for other service providers to lease space in this building.

Child Care Development Services: CCDS is seeking about 3500 sq. ft. of office space. Their lease is up in October and they need more space than their current building can provide. CCDS continues to expand and grow. Their on-line provider training has been very successful and is being used nationally. CCDS currently works with over 700 day care providers who collectively serve over 9000 kids a day. In October, they will be adding an additional coverage area in Eastern Oregon serving an additional 110 providers. They have also been approved by the state to provide training for childcare centers.

Portland Habilitation Center: The economy has resulted in the loss of five staff positions at PHC. There are a large number of people applying for the janitorial training program – a wait list has been established. There is some hope that the down economy will mean more people seeking new bids for janitorial and landscaping services that will

open new opportunities.

Linfield School of Nursing: The student nurses who participated in the ECOS Senior Safety Pin Project are graduating this spring. They will most likely enter jobs that pay more than what nurse instructors earn. This continues to contribute to the difficulty in securing nurse educators. The school is currently recruiting for several. They have undertaken a complete revision of the curriculum that will be implemented this fall.

YWCA Senior Services: They are eliminating one position – their outreach and activities coordinator and not replacing one case manager. The north Portland office will not be able to weather the budget cuts and the YWCA will no longer manage that contract. They are focusing all services in the east county area. Staff is becoming very interested in fund raising ideas. The YWCA will sponsor a craft fair on July 31st with 15% of all sales going to the agency. They are also opening a thrift store that will be staffed by volunteers. Vouchers will be available for low-income people to shop in the store. Steps to Success interns are assisting with the store as well. Oregon Project Independence had a 17% budget cut, but will be funded at \$10 million a year for the next two years. However, this still means that 50 seniors currently receiving services in East County will be cut. Aging and Disability Services will be tracking these 50 to see if they are able to secure support from family, other resources, or simply do without in-home care.

Springdale Job Corps: The program was ranked #10 in the nation at the end of their fiscal year. They are in the procurement process to select a new contractor (at the national level). There is a lot riding on the selection of a new contractor and this will impact how the programs will be administered in the future. The students are currently on a two-week summer break. Springdale will host a community meeting next fall – this will be a round table discussion and opportunity to thank partners for their on-going support of the program.

Goodwill Job Connections: Hires are down from normal, due to the economy. They would normally place between 100 and 130 people in jobs each month. Currently that number is 75 and everyone is pretty pleased that they are able to do this well giving the unemployment rate. They are sponsoring networking workshops and helping job seekers with things like business cards and resumes. **One recommendation – do not include your home address on business cards that you use in a job search. Just your name, phone, fax and email address. This is especially important for women who live alone.** Other workshops include: Appropriate and Inappropriate Dress, Meet the Employer and tips on what the employers will be looking for in a new hire. Those seeking jobs in health care are advised to offer to work “on call“ to get an entrée to the workplace and be in position to be hired when there is an opening.

The board approved the minutes from the May 27th, 2009 meeting

New Business:

Legislative and Issue reports:

Oregon Health Care packages – Lani Staab presented an overview of the Health Care packages that have been passed in Oregon. **See attached handout.** Discussion included:

- Speculation about the number of physicians who will take OHP patients and the sheer volume increase in people seeking health care due to being included in the plan.
- Wellness plans in place in many large organizations and corporations. Worksource Oregon and Portland Habilitation Center both have wellness plans.
- Need for more focus on prevention
- Impact on hospitals and others that will be paying the tax to support the plan
- The implementation date will depend on state receipt of stimulus funding

Economic Update - Worksource Oregon – Malcolm Boswell presented this month's economic forecast report from the state as well as a report entitled "What are Green Jobs". He also spoke about the federal workforce stimulus funds. A forecast by Moody's states that Oregon could come out of the recession as early as October 2009. (best case scenario). The state forecaster is projecting this might occur early in 2010.

Serve America Act – Joan Pasco presented an overview of the non-profit opportunities that will come with the funding of the Serve America Act. See attached document. These funds will support capacity building and volunteer services in community based organizations. There is also a provision that will allow volunteers to accrue college tuition credits. Those over 55 may transfer these credits to children or grandchildren.

Advocacy strategy for seniors and care givers – Joan Pasco has completed a community needs assessment on seniors and caregivers. The report, entitled: "It Takes A Village to Live a Life", will be released soon. United Way, in partnership with Volunteers of American, the Urban League and LifeWorks NW sponsored the report. The document is a tool to support advocacy for resources to help people grow old with options. It also stresses the economic importance of having caregivers to support an individual's ability to live in their own homes for as long as possible. This report will be sent out to ECOS partners when it is completed.

Project reports:

Senior Community Service Employment Program and Projects With Industry – workforce collaboration with Easter Seals – Catherine Todd - no report at this meeting.

MIPO – Inventor project and Oregon Disability Chamber – Sam Sporsen reported on these two projects for Kedma who is out-of-town. ODC (a new name for DBA) has an on-line forum – www.oregondisabilitychamber.org/forum She encouraged all to log on and participate. There are currently over 35 people participating in the forum. It is being used in other states as well as Oregon. The MIPO Inventors Showcase was quite

successful. They received good media coverage and over 200 people attended. The evaluator has completed her report and several organizational recommendations are being implemented. They are hopeful for renewed financial support from the Lemelson Foundation next Fall.

Job Developers Network– Laura Bock is out of town, Cindy Bennett reported on behalf of the JDN. They are planning a large career fair next fall.

Targeted Service Provider - Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance grant from OECDD – Joan Pasco reported that these funds sunset on June 30th and are unlikely to be included in the state budget for the next four years. This is a \$1.3 million fund dedicated to support micro-enterprises in Oregon. ECOS has been a recipient of this funding for over 6 years.

Budget/finance report – refer to finance report – attached, separate excel doc. Board members were asked to contact Joan directly if they have any questions about the finance report.

2009 ECOS partner contributions are being solicited –partner 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

EASTER SEALS OREGON

Pending grants:

United Way –Adopt a Grandparent and Intergenerational Day Care – We were not awarded this grant – it was very close. The project is on a wait list of proposals that will be funded if their giving exceeds what is budgeted. Joan is requesting board approval to shop this with other funding sources. However, Bill Lesh, with the Center for Advanced Learning is going ahead on his own to start matching his Allied Health Students with older adults in the community. Karen Hubbard’s husband, who is retiring in July, has volunteered to help the re-engineering students with home safety audits and home repairs for seniors unable to keep up with home maintenance. This will be a good project to submit for the Serve America Grants as well.

Meg Kilmer with Parkrose SD is working on a proposal to fund a full time volunteer coordinator that would be sited in their community center. She has asked to submit under the ECOS non-profit as this will be a community position – not a school position and will

recruit volunteers from adults and well as seek projects for student volunteers.

The Lemelson Foundation will be approached for another three years of funding for MIPO. The current grant runs through August 2009.

We are waiting final budget numbers to determine whether the 2009-2010 state budget will include funds for the Targeted Service Provider program. If this survived the budget axe, those proposals will be due in August.

Finance meeting: July 15 – 11:30 at Ya Hala

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 22, 2009 – Human Solutions –
Address: Rockwood Community Office -18709 SE Stark St

From the desk of Lani Staab
6/19/09

Thursday 6/11/09, the Senate passed and sent to the Governor the two bills that comprise our 2009 health reform package.

HB 2009, creating the Oregon Health Authority and filled with strong cost containment measures, passed 23-6.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), consolidated all of the health and health care activities of the state government into a single agency. The creation of the OHA effectively cut the Department of Human Services in half, but also included functions gathered from other parts of state government. Secondly, it created the Oregon Health Policy Board, providing oversight to the OHA.

Critical responsibility is the continuation of the planning process to provide proposals to future legislatures to move us to the health care system we need. Specifically, the Board is charged with developing a plan for a health insurance exchange that would bring all of the purchasing power of the state into the market with individual and small group purchasers to reform the health insurance market.

HB 2116 passed 20-9.

HB 2116 provides coverage for 80,000 uninsured children and 60,000 low-income adults by imposing a tax on hospitals and health insurers to help us to get an additional \$2 billion in federal funds over the next four years. HB 2116, which began as a part of HB 2009, also had a complex journey, although it was always viewed the two bills as a package.

This bill also does two things. First it implements a tax on health insurers and on hospitals. Secondly, it authorizes a plan to offer health insurance to every uninsured child in Oregon and expands OHP Standard coverage to about 60,000 uninsured, low-income adults. A health insurance tax of 1% of premiums and a hospital tax of about 3%, or at the maximum that can be returned to the hospital community within federal

upper payment limits on Medicaid payments. That will raise nearly \$600 million per biennium and will bring nearly \$1 billion in federal matching funds to finance the expansion of health insurance coverage of 140,000 people. The Kids Connect part of the package will offer OHP coverage to children in families under 200% of the federal poverty line, subsidized health insurance coverage (on a sliding scale) to children in families between 200% and 300% of the FPL, and will offer the same coverage with no subsidy to children in families above 300% of the FPL. The goal is to get 95% of children covered, and DHS/OHA are provided resources to recruit and enroll all uninsured children. The funds will also be sufficient to increase the enrollment in OHP Standard to 60,000 adults by the end of the upcoming biennium.

It is believed that this is a giant step forward, one that could easily place Oregon in an excellent position to benefit from any federal action in health care.

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For Release: Immediately
Contact: HHS Press Office - (202) 690-6343

Headline: HHS Secretary Sebelius Announces Release of \$6 Billion in New CHIP Funds to Insure Children. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced that \$6 billion in new federal funds will be made available to states and U.S. territories for fiscal year 2009 to provide health care to millions of children across America through their Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP).

The new funds for CHIP were made available by the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), which was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 4. CHIPRA provides additional funding that will help states and territories maintain existing CHIP enrollment and expand their programs.

"We are taking an important step to provide quality, affordable health care to millions of children," Secretary Sebelius said at the Bergen Family Center in Englewood, N.J. "Through CHIPRA, states and territories will receive additional funds to provide health insurance to 11 million children, including 4 million who were previously uninsured. Parents now have more help if their children fall ill."

"In these difficult economic times, more and more families will turn to CHIP to assure their children's continued access to critical health care services," Secretary Sebelius said. "To ensure our nation's future, we must insure our children now."

Secretary Sebelius was joined by New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and other officials who have led the efforts to gain health insurance coverage for all the children of the Garden State and our nation.

"Thanks to our partners in Washington and through New Jersey's hardworking Congressional delegation, the struggle to secure children's health legislation in our state is finally over," said Governor Jon S. Corzine. "At a time when our state and nation are facing substantial economic challenges, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to provide access to quality health insurance for our uninsured children."

I'm pleased that through our successful NJ FamilyCare program and new Express Lane option, we will continue to make great strides in reaching and enrolling every eligible child in New Jersey."

Of the \$6 billion in new funding under CHIPRA, HHS has released more than \$1 billion and expects to allocate the remainder to the states and territories by the end of September. CHIP provides health insurance for children of working families whose incomes are too high for traditional Medicaid, but too low for either employer-sponsored family plans or other private coverage.

While CHIP is optional, each state and every territory operates a program. Similar to Medicaid, CHIP is jointly funded by states and the federal government. However, the federal government pays states a higher share of their CHIP costs than for their Medicaid programs.

A list of funding by state for CHIP programs can be viewed at:

www.insurekidsnow.gov.

Highlights of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act

H.R. 1388, Senate-passed as of 3-26-2009 – effective Oct. 1, 2009

Reauthorizes and Expands the Mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service, by:

Increasing Opportunities for Americans of All Ages to Serve

- * Puts young people onto a path of national service by establishing a Summer of Service program to provide \$500 education awards for rising 6th-12th graders, a Semester of Service program for high school students to engage in service-learning, and Youth Empowerment Zones for secondary students and out-of-school youth.

- * Dramatically increases intensive service opportunities by setting AmeriCorps on a path from 75,000 positions annually to 250,000 by 2017, and focusing that service on education, health, clean energy, veterans, economic opportunity and other national priorities. Ties the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to the maximum Pell Grant level (now \$5,350, but set to increase over time).

- * Improves service options for experienced Americans by expanding age and income eligibility for Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions, authorizing a Silver Scholars program, under which individuals 55 and older who perform 350 hours of service receive a \$1,000 education award, and establishing Serve America Fellowships and Encore Fellowships allowing individuals to choose from among registered service sponsors where to perform service. Also permits individuals age 55 and older to transfer their education award to a child or grandchild.

- * Enables millions of working Americans to serve by establishing a nationwide Call to Service Campaign and a September 11 national day of service, and investing in the nonprofit sector's capacity to recruit and manage volunteers.

Supporting Innovation and Strengthening the Nonprofit Sector

- * Creates a Social Innovation Fund to expand proven initiatives and provide seed funding for experimental initiatives, leveraging Federal dollars to identify and grow ideas that are addressing our most intractable community problems.

- * Establishes a Volunteer Generation Fund to award grants to states and nonprofits to recruit, manage, and support volunteers and strengthen the nation's volunteer infrastructure.

- * Authorizes Nonprofit Capacity Building grants to provide organizational development assistance to small and mid-size nonprofit organizations.

- * Creates a National Service Reserve Corps of former national service participants and veterans who will be trained to deploy, in coordination with FEMA, in the event of disasters.

Strengthening Management, Cost-Effectiveness, and Accountability

- * Merges funding streams, expands the use of simplified, fixed amount grants, and gives the Corporation flexibility to consolidate application and reporting requirements. Increases support for State Commissions on national and community service. Bolsters the capacity and duties of the Corporation's Board of Directors.

- * Ensures that programs receiving assistance under national service laws are continuously evaluated for effectiveness in achieving performance and cost goals.

- * Introduces responsible and balanced competition to the RSVP program.

- * Authorizes a Civic Health Assessment comprised of indicators relating to volunteering, voting, charitable giving, and interest in public service in order to evaluate and compare the civic health of communities.

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