

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting
May 27 9 AM to 11 AM**

Host: Community Energy Project - 422 NE Alberta

Participants: Heather Selek – Portland Habilitation Center, Carolyn Morrison – Child Care Development Services, Sherrie Smith – Community Energy Project, Robert Costello – OVRs, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Laura Bock and Cindy Bennett – Job Developers Networks, Kedma Ough – MIPO and DBA, Joan Pasco, ECOS Project Manager. (Regrets due to conflicts, illness or vacations: Donna Patrick – Springdale Job Corps, Catherine Todd – Easter Seals Oregon, Marian George, and Lani Staab – Goodwill Job Connection.)

Meeting facilitator: ECOS Co-chair and President: Carolyn Morrison

Special Presentation: New Horizons Computer Learning Center

New Horizons offers computer training to people wanting a career change as well as seeking career development skills. They use a hands-on approach to delivery of the education courses. All computer training is offered by instructors who are accredited by the makers of the software they teach. In addition to computer learning, New Horizons offers training in business skills, managerial and supervisory skills, coaching, leadership and personal communication. People can take training at one of their many facilities, or have training conducted at their own location. A minimum of four people is required to have an on-site training. They also provide severance training for companies that are downsizing or laying off people. The presenters offered each ECOS attendee a coupon for a free class. The complete schedule of courses and more information is available on their web site: www.newhorizons.com

Partner updates and reports:

OVRs: The budget situation is dismal and will not improve much after July 1. Even though they will be funded on that date, it will not last the entire year and they will again be using a wait list. This has had an impact on staff morale as well.

Legislative update: The Commission for the Blind is being phased out and merging with OVRs. HB 3000 mandates insurance companies to cover treatment to persons that are blind.

Child Care Development Services: CCDS administers the USDA Child and Adult Food Care Program for most of the counties in North Oregon. Carolyn is active in a national Forum that lobbies Congress to support nutritional programs for kids. They recently were successful in getting a House Resolution to recognize the importance of Childhood Nutritional Programs. There are many opportunities for Oregon to get more federal dollars if day care providers were aware that they could receive these for the children they serve. Their on-line provider training courses are doing really well.

Oregon Energy Project: OEP received some funding from Vision Portland's Vision into Action funds. They will use it to expand their retail store and job training program. An Americorp Vista person is now on staff and will be taking over the volunteer

coordination duties from Sherrie. Their Train-the-Trainer program is going very well. More fee-for-service will be incorporated to help cover training costs; stabilize funding and expand program staff.

Springdale Job Corps: (Sent via email as Donna could not attend)

Neither Asha nor I will be able to attend May 27th. We are vigorously working on our Oral Presentation in the Procurement Process of regaining our contract.

- We did have a very good meeting with Laura Bock with JDN on May 6th and invited our partner contractor DESI. Hopefully they signed some folks up as well.
- Attended the NW Youth Fair at the convention center on the 7th.
- Had an Aide from Merkley's office visit on the 13th
- We also had our HS science class attend the PHC Solar and Sustainability fair on the 15th.
- We took our office administration students on a field trip to Comcast on the 20th.
- Hosting a Family Day for the students on the 22nd prior to the long weekend.
- Have an Aide from Blumenauer's office coming on June 3rd.

Thanks to all ECOS partners for the suggested connections!

The board approved the minutes from the April 22, 2009 meeting

Project reports

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSCP) DOL Title V program administered by Easter Seals – Catherine Todd m Program Director - Catherine was not able to attend – she will report next month.

Micro-enterprise Inventor Program of Oregon –Kedma Ough Project Director: They are busy preparing for the May 30 Inventor Showcase. This is the third annual showcase and the theme is “Innovation Begins at Home”. About 40 inventors will showcase their products. Many workshops will be held and a couple of key note speakers will present.

Oregon Disability Chamber - formerly Differently-Abled Business Association – Kedma Ough, Project Director: They have a new name and are in the process of getting their own 501 tax exempt status. The new web address is: www.oregondisabilitychamber.org. The site includes 15 on-line forums for conversations. Kedma is working with a similar organization in Florida to use the same forums on their web site. The organization received a small grant in partnership with InSight to add a youth component called YODA – Youth Oregon Disability Association.

JDN Job Developers Network – Laura Bock Project Manager: The number of people out of work is large, but the JDN is still finding jobs for people connected to their resources. The current JDN challenge is funding as subscriptions have declined due to lay-offs and the economy. They continue to host networking meetings and are adding a component to give people a change to vent about workplace issues and challenges. Laura has developed a New Employee Workplace Success training. (NEWS) This is a 16-hour training to help people with the transition to a new workplace culture. As always, go to

their web site for complete information on meetings and training schedules.
www.jobdevelopersnetwork.org

Targeted Service Provider grant through OECDD: META: Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance, Joan Pasco Project Director. ECOS has been the recipient of these funds for over six years. They funded the Rockwood International Marketplace; market vendor training; and most recently helped support the DBA and MIPO training. Joan distributed information on persons served by the eleven organizations that receive these funds. ECOS participant count is one of the highest in the state, even though we receive one of the smallest awards. As an example, we have served 433 people to date with \$67,500 in funds while OAME has served 233 and receives \$250,000. This program is targeted to be eliminated in the next legislative budget. There is a slim chance some knight in a shining armor may surface, but unlikely.

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
EASTER SEALS OREGON**

Pending grants:

United Way – SSP support – Adopt a Grandparent and Intergenerational Day Care – award announcements to be made the first week in June.

Finance meeting: June 17 – 11:30 at Ya Hala

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 24 2009 – Child Care Development Services 123 E. Powell, Gresham