

**East County One Stop Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, October 22, 2008 9 AM to 11 AM**

**Avita and Associates: 5257 NE MLK, Suite 201 – The Vanport Building, parking on the west side of the building.**

**Participants:** Lani Staab – Goodwill Industries, Anne O’Malley - Non-Profit Affairs and Strategies, Brendon Bassett – Metropolitan Family Services, Laura Bock and Cindy Bennett – JDN, Asha Swem – Springdale Job Corps, Kedma Ough – Avita and Associates, Robert Costello – OVRs, Marian George – SSP, Karen Hubbard – Linfield School of Nursing, Marina Rikker – Portland Habilitation Center, Doug Cooper – Mercy Corps, Sherrie Smith – Community Energy Project, Joan Pasco – EOCs Project Manager.

**MEETING NOTES**

**Meeting facilitators ECOS Co-chair: Lani Staab**

**Introductions and welcome: Partner updates and reports**

**Community Energy Project:** Engaging in a “Train-the-Trainer” program to assist other communities and non-profits to do similar outreach and provide educational workshops. Volunteers have translated their training materials into 11 languages. This year they have delivered workshops on weatherization and lead handling in over 30 locations. The workshops are generally in the evenings and are family friendly. 80% of attendees are women who are learning how to install weatherization materials.

**Springdale Job Corps:** Doubled the size of their auto body repair program. Community folks can bring autos in for low cost repair by student workers. It takes a bit longer, but the students need the experience and will work on cars newer than 1990. They are also in need of a paint booth if anyone has one to donate. The program is still ranked at #3 in the nation (out of 122 locations). They are seeking work-study sites for their Health Occupation students – ideal sites would be aides in assisted living centers, activity assistance for senior centers, etc.

**Goodwill Industries Job Connection:** Each of their three offices had over 100 job placements in September. Jobs are still out there if you look in the right industries. The programs served 2000 people in 2007 and have already served over 7000 YTD for 2008.

**Partner Project update: Brendon Bassett – Metropolitan Family Services**

MFS opened a Gresham office in June – 500 NW 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Brendon gave a brief overview of several MFS programs including **Ways to Work** that provides stipends to assist with car repair and low cost transportation for people to support their employment. **Project Linkage** – volunteers that assist home bound seniors with day-to-day needs and transportation – partnering with Ride Connection. **Foster Grandparent:** Senior volunteers that mentor low income children. **Face-to-Face:** a mentoring project in partnership with the Gresham-Barlow School District that connects 5<sup>th</sup> graders to adult mentors. More information on all programs can be found on their web site at: [www.metfamily.org](http://www.metfamily.org). Brendon is seeking FACE to FACE volunteers to serve as an Advisory Council to oversee the project evaluations and assessments. The program also needs adults to volunteer to be mentors.

**The board approved the Minutes from the September 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting**

**New Business: PWI awards to Easter Seals Oregon** – Catherine Todd could not be at the meeting, so Joan reported on behalf of Easter Seals Oregon that they were successful applicants for two Project With Industry grants – one to serve the Salem-Portland area and one in Medford to serve Southern Oregon. These are 5-year awards and provide employment and training services to people over 40 who have a documented disability. There is no income restriction to participate in these programs. It is anticipated that both programs will serve a high number of disabled veterans returning from Iraq. These participants

will also be referred to the small business programs if there is interest in self-employment. The awards total \$3 million in new job training resources for Oregon.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Action Team reports:**

**Reentry/ Enterprise Development Team: ROAR – ReEntry Organizations and Resources – Anne and Doug – Menu/wish list of resources needed by ROAR and how ECOS can assist.**

ROAR continues to work at the state level with the four working committees for the Governor’s ReEntry Policy Council. The Calvary Christian Church will be the location for a ReEntry “One Stop” Resource Center for the Portland Metro area. Over 45 local agencies that provide services to persons reentering the community after incarceration are in the ROAR consortium and will be coordinating how the Center does intake and assessments. Individuals will be connected to emergency services and resources to facilitate their assimilation into the community. They expect the center to be offering services by late winter, early spring, 2009. The ROAR coalition is planning to become a sustaining organization modeled after the Housing Alliance Coalition that is now an effective advocacy group. They asked ECOS partners to inform the group about any services they provide that targets this population. Laura Bock offered to provide volunteer support to assist with organizational details. The next quarterly ROAR meeting is on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 PM at Mercy Corps Headquarters.

#### **Other Project reports**

**SSP – Senior Safety Pin Project** – Marian and Karen – Nursing students continue to meet twice monthly with homebound seniors. The project is considering using some of the PGE supply funds to support a health and wellness walk inside facilities at St. John’s. Verizon is also interested in supporting this ECOS project.

**SCSEP – collaboration with Easter Seals** – Catherine could not attend this meeting – she will report next month.

**MIPO – Inventor project** –Kedma announced that the 2009 Inventor’s Showcase will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the World Trade Center. This year’s theme is “Women Inventors”. Admission will be charged to generate funds to pay for the event. (When this event was held at OMSI – they would not allow us to charge admission, so grant funds were used to support event costs.) MIPO was also awarded a small grant from OMSI to support an Inventor’s Challenge at OMSI from Feb – Apr. This is in conjunction with OMSI’s Celebrate DaVinci event. The challenge will offer awards to both adult and youth inventors. Oregon Business Magazine is featuring a MIPO inventor in each of their issues. TechSoup is opening a large fabrication plant and MIPO inventors will be able to access this to work on projects.

**DBA – Differently-Abled Business Association** – Kedma reminded the group that DBA is now in its third year of United Way funding. They are making efforts to coordinate resources with similar groups in Florida and California and considering a National approach and outreach to entrepreneurs who have a disability. They have connected with a large national network that has 3 million subscribers. A site in Medford has been identified to provide services in Southern Oregon and a new consultant is on board in Bend to support DBA participants in central Oregon. Joan and Kedma presented to the staff of the PCC SBDC last week and will be meeting with them again in November. This is becoming a strong partnership.

**JDN - Job Developer’s Network** – Laura Bock – their new web site is up and running; Cindy Bennett is on board as the new Employment Services Manager. Cindy will also be writing grants to secure more stable funding that, if successful, will allow the JDN to provide no-cost training and workshops. They are planning their annual Diversity Job Fair which will be held in January. This is a partnership with IRCO. This year’s employers expected to present include Fred Meyer, NIKE, Walgreens and a large local hospital. They also have a new partnership with Portland Public Schools.

**META: Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance grant from OECDD** – Joan reported that the funding for these projects is pretty much committed. Five more market workshops will be held next spring:

Canon Beach, Manzanita, Gresham, Parkrose and Hood River. Funds also support training for DBA and MIPO. RFP's for 2009-2010 projects will be offered next summer. The legislature is expected to cut funds at a minimum of 20% based on projected budget shortfalls. We cannot realistically expect to receive the same level of funding from this resource in the next budget cycle.

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

2008 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. Many thanks to the following partners who have contributed:

PORTLAND HABILITATION CENTER  
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES  
CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
LINFIELD SCHOOL OF NURSING  
SPRINGDALE JOB CORPS  
EASTER SEALS OREGON  
HUMAN SOLUTIONS  
OVRs

**Pending grants:**

Spirit Mountain Foundation - \$25,000 for ROAR – Decision in November

**Proposed Grants: The board discussed and approved submitting grant proposals to United Way for the following projects:**

United Way – SSP support – Adopt a Grandparent and Intergenerational Day Care – collaboration with CCDS.

United Way – DBA – another 3 years of funding

**Finance meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup> - location TBD**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Multnomah East – 600 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St., Gresham**