

Executive Order Employment First Statewide Stakeholder Policy Meeting

Wednesday January 7, 2015

1:00-4:00pm

HSB Rm #160

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	Agenda	Document	Time	Owner	Discussion/Decision
X	Review Agenda		5	All	Discussion
X	Review last month's meeting minutes		5	All	Discussion
X	Review EO Changes	1 page document with list of updates	30	Mike Maley	Discussion
X	Break		10		
X	Review Integrated Employment Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalize MetricsReview Narrative changes and action steps	Copy of Integrated Employment Plan with updates	120	Mike Maley	Discussion
X	Next meeting agenda items/wrap up		5	All	Discussion

Total time: 2:55

Discussion:

Introductions

Changes to notes from last month: Governor's budget on #2 – POP is \$5million but is incorporated in the budget, it's not money that we have. It is included in his proposed budget to the Legislature.

Update on positions.

Our new OPA 3 replacing Ava Bartley's position, her name is Brean Arnold. She currently lives in New Orleans and currently working in the Protection and Advocacy organization in Louisiana, which would equate to Disability Rights Oregon.

We have also hired for our project manager position, Tim Acker, and he will be starting on Monday. There will be some overlap with Tim and our current project manager who is contracted.

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Review EO Changes – one page summary

General thought that this will generate a new executive order. Once these changes come into effect, they would be incorporated into the Administrative rules. These changes have been prompted by WIOA and the CMS guidance.

A change was made to remove the recommendation under definitions: “adding a new definition for Related Employment Services. This definition related to what services may be included for data and metric purposes.” We are not quite ready to make this change yet. It will continue to be on the docket.

Seth is wondering what the change in the definition of Supported Employment of 8 people would look like in practice. Mike commented that this change would mean we focus more on setting and services than numbers served and doesn't think this would increase the number of agencies reported as sheltered workshops, Andre clarified there were only 20 providers in the last January report that reported providing sheltered workshop services to 8 or less individuals.

Cynthia is asking about transition students, do they need to have anything in their IPE for employment? Mike-not for counting purposes.

Jessica is asking what will happen with related employment services. Mike hopes that this will be included in the integrated plan at some point. Jessica believes this is a significant topic as we go through the transformation. Andre can start counting what information he has now, but there are variables that makes this data complicated. Jessica is less concerned with the data and capturing the information, but wants to makes sure it gets defined and it stays on the radar.

Review Revisions to Integrated Employment Plan

There is no change to structure or the content of this plan. The basic layout is the same.

Decision was made to not renew the contract with ODEP, we are no longer a protégé state.

Michelle Markle is wondering why the word ‘may’ was chosen in the definition of Transition Services. She is concerned that the word ‘may’ is a little passive, there is a potential someone might not have access to services. Mike wants to go back and look at this wording.

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Chris Burnett would appreciate more time to share this with others and send any feedback in later. Mike wants to make sure everyone knows this is on a short timeline and any feedback would be great as long as it comes in soon.

Jessica feels like this is really non-controversial, all of these items are federally mandated and doesn't feel like our ideas and thoughts are being pushed aside.

Heather Hopkins-Slechta agreed with this and believes this plan is very helpful.

Bolded items in the goals, 'action and activities; mean the items included other agencies, such as VR, ODE etc...

Cynthia is wondering about ReBAR and if it still needs to be included in this document. Group agrees that any word can be used other than ReBAR. ReBAR was used to establish the rates, but doesn't need to be included here.

5.2 "C" should be bolded and "D" should be highlighted as a change.

Break

Discussion about #8 on employment path services under Plan Outcomes and Metrics. Julie Huber expressed concern that the wording my viewed as a support for people going into non-work related services and contrary to the policy direction. She is suggesting taking out that part of the statement. Mike indicated that the wording was to track the overall trends of services. Mike's recommendation is to look at the data to make sure we can still capture what we need to, so the Policy can discuss the trends and how to respond, but we need to make sure the communication is accurate and reflecting the desired policy direction.

Michelle is wondering if strategy #3 – increase number of 18-21 year old individuals enrolled in ODDS services found eligible for VR services – does this include 'job readiness'? Robert-VR assumes individuals are ready; this is more job shadowing and those kinds of activities.

Mike wants to make an edit to #5- experiences with "opportunity" Increase in number of community based work related experiences while in school. Heather also thought this would be a better wording.

#2 increase the total number of providers qualified to deliver integrated employment services by both ODDS and VR – number should be 35

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#3 increase the total number of providers qualified by ODDS to deliver Discovery services and qualified for VR to provide job development services – that number should be 40.

If people do have questions, concerns or comments, please get back to Mike quickly.

Are there any volunteers who would like to review any changes that come up after this?

Ross, Jessica, Chris and Cynthia

The next meetings we really want to turn back to the policy questions and monitoring what we are doing.

	Membership:		
P	Seth Johnson Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon – Service Provider		Sarah Jane Owens Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs - Counties
X	Cynthia Owens Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities – Advocacy	P	Paul Partridge Yamhill County Developmental Disability Program - Counties
X	Chris Burnett Oregon Rehabilitation Association (ORA) – Providers	X	Bill Uhlman Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage – Support Services
X	Heather Hopkins - Slechta Full Access Brokerage – Support Services Brokerages	X	Michelle Markle Portland Public Schools - Education
	Senator Sara Gelser Oregon Senate – Legislature		Trina Lee DHS – Vocational Rehabilitation
P	Dacia Johnson Oregon Commission for the Blind – Vocational Rehabilitation	P	Liz Fox Oregon State Rehabilitation Council – Vocational Rehabilitation

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X	Ross Ryan Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocates		Jan Sansom Lebanon School District – Education
	Jaime Daignault Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities – Advocacy	X	Jessica Leitner Edwards Center – Providers
	Marcia Ingledue The ARC Oregon – Advocacy Organization – Self Advocacy	P	Sydney Shook Families Connected – Families
	Sarah Drinkwater Department of Education – Education		Roberta Dunn Family and Community Together – Family Members
	Lilia Teninty DHS – Office of Developmental Disabilities (ODDS)		Senator Lee Beyer Oregon Senate – Legislature
X	Jordan Ohlde Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate	X	Phil Stone Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate
	Jordana Barclay Oregon Workforce Partnership – Workforce		
	Invited Guests		
X	Robert Costello - VR		Julie Sobel – sitting in for Chris Burnett from ORA
X	Angela Yeager – Employment First	X	Ann Balzell - VR
X	Andre Harboe – Employment First		Jennifer Donivan – attending for Rep Sara Gelser
	Sam Gardner – Sunrise Enterprises	X	Julie Huber - ODDS
X	Corissa Neufeldt – Employment First		
	Allison Enriquez - ODDS		Jenny Provono – Lead Program coordinator for transition (FACT)

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	Robin Brandt - VR		Dave Rudolph – Employment First
X	Ryley Newport - OCDD		Ross Support staff
X	Heather Lindsey - ODE		

Future Agenda Items	Owner	Discussion/Decision
Collaborating with different agencies about complaints-how do we address complaints that come in from the schools? How will EF see them, VR ODDS etc..	All/QA/QI	Discussion
How do we reach employers successfully?	All/Angela	Discussion
Training requirements for Employment First staff-may or may not have CMS guidance by this discussion	All	Discussion
Process measures- feedback and approval. Including QA/QI projects.	Mike Maley	Discussion and Decision needed
Family to Family Networks	All	Discussion
Definition of what an integrated setting is	All	Discussion

Outstanding Action Items

Complete	Items for follow-up action	Due	Assigned

Completed Action Items – To be removed when no longer relevant and added to tracker.

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