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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	CMS Settings/HCBS	ODDS Request for input regarding sheltered workshops	30	Lilia/Acacia	Discussion
X	Employment Rule (OAR)		15	Corissa	Discussion
	VR Transition Policy	VR Purposed Transition policy	20	Trina/Ann	Discussion
X	Break		10		
X	Plan Metrics	Integrated Employment Plan - metric changes for discussion	60	Mike	Discussion
	Transportation – Follow up		20	Mike	Discussion
	Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy discussion priorities for upcoming meetings 		10	All	Discussion
	Next meeting agenda items/wrap up		5	All	Discussion

Total time: 3:00

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Discussion:

No change to last month's meeting notes. Mike reminded everyone that if you do see corrections or changes that need to be made later, please let us know.

CMS Settings/HCBS – Acacia

These are the letters that have been issued to the providers about their designation of providing sheltered workshop settings and services. Calls were made to follow up to make sure they all agreed with what was stated in the letter. For the providers that did not agree, ODDS is working with them and have scheduled visits, there are about 10 providers. On page 3 of the handout is a list of the providers locations for the sheltered workshops, provider were concerned that they were not allowed to provide DSA services within those facilities, those services are still allowed, the no new entry are to sheltered workshop only. Mike asked what the group is hearing. Heather agreed that she is hearing a lot of families are confused about the DSA services. ODDS are trying to answer this question in the next FAQ. Chris and Acacia talked about the separation between employment services and DSA as discreet services. Acacia talked about including this in the next set of wave rules and policies.

Cynthia wondered if there are DSA services that are happening where sheltered workshops are also happening, what will happen to the DSA in the future? Acacia would like to continue to have the conversation about HCBS, continue to have it on the agenda. Mike agrees that these are the type of questions that this group needs to discuss. Cynthia would like this group to be a part of how to help these providers transition.

Bill asked about employment path facility in a sheltered workshop. ODDS is still working this out internally, there is discussion about which employment path services are not sheltered workshop services, there is discussion about classes and training for people to get the skills they need. Bill would like more clarity about this; Acacia is open to suggestions and feedback.

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ODDS is working on the second set of FAQ's, there has been a lot of conversation about the people who have left a sheltered workshop and for various reasons would want to return to the sheltered workshop. The recommendation is to allow a return within 18 months but is still being discussed and there is still CMS guidance around this topic. The FAQ's will answer the mechanics of this issue. The complete list of sheltered workshop should be finished by mid-June so it is clear where referrals can happen.

Mike is wondering if there are any other communication needs to families and individuals, aside from the videos, FAQ's etc. Sarah Jane suggested general information that could go to the general public, people who are not involved with DD services, such as commissioners. Maybe a one page document they could hand out to someone, maybe a press release. She is hearing people say they have to do this and don't understand why it's happening. Roberta talked about the info graphic that Angela and Ryley are working on; she thinks this would be a great one pager to hand out to people. She liked that it didn't have any 'old baggage' to it. Allison also talked about the Directors message that Lilia sent out that includes a lot of the facts sheets around the HCBS information.

Sarah Jane had a question about transfers from sheltered workshop to a different sheltered workshop. Acacia talked about the CMS guidance that the state can't require a choice in provider. If someone chooses to move from one provider to another, that transfer can happen with the same services, keeping in mind that a change should happen when a great opportunity can happen, maybe that person could go through VR or the Discovery process. Roberta wanted to know about the RAC for the HCBS, this has already been scheduled. If there are people who want to be on this and haven't been contacted, they can email Acacia. The list of members was sent out in the email with all the materials for today's meeting.

Employment Rule (OAR) – Corissa

Corissa has been working on this with the working age adult group (previously SIG2). There is a temporary emergency rule in place now that expires on August 9th; the target is June 15th to file the rule, with an implementation goal of August 1st. There are not many significant changes from the temporary rule, clarification in definitions around Discovery definition to help clarify what this service should look like. Added definition of small group to clarify that VR does not

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provide this service. The OAR for the VR qualified providers standards have also been added under the employment provider definition. The DD council has also had some recommendations some of the employment services listed in section four of the EO. Internal discussion is happening around this. The biggest concern was about suggesting services that we don't have a way to collect data on. The sunset language has been removed at the end of the OAR in 2022 to coincide with the EO. The policies should be reflected in the rule and continue past 2022, this will be replaced with language that will help codify the policy group and their responsibilities.

Corissa will send the final draft of the RAC to this group, like any rule there will be a public comment period. The rules coordinator will send out a notice to the public and the Oregon bulletin will include the details of this public comment period.

Mike and Corissa talked about why this needs to be in rule and there has been a few back and forth conversations with the governor's office to make sure this doesn't over step anything the EO was meant to do.

VR Transition Policy – Trina/Ann

Ann talked about this being a completely new policy; the state has never required a transition policy. This draft includes the new WIOA information. Public comment will begin now through July 3rd. The public hearing will be June 18th from 4-5 in this building, Ann will send out this information to this group. Ann talked about the major changes that this policy will bring. The collaboration between different agencies is new; these topics are also covered in the one page document that was projected. Laurie Kash talked about her school district and the options they use. If anyone would like more information on this, email Ann Balzell, her email is on the last page of the policy. Ann also wants to add the VR website to this document, there is a lot of supporting documents there.

Corissa doesn't see anything specifically about the developmental disabilities population. Is there a way to include the other partners so it's clear? Ann pointed out that it is included in the section for statewide collaboration, but would like to add more about the adult program services and how it relates.

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Michelle is wondering about the districts that don't have YTP, can they still access these services. Yes, Ann talked about being able to access the other groups, such as local employment first teams. A draft of procedures is expected in mid-July.

Trina introduced herself and talked about the things she has worked on in the past and currently with VR.

Break

Plan Metrics – Mike/Andre

This data reflects what we will see in the July report this year. Dates have been updated to reflect the state fiscal time frames.

Metric #1 – increasing individuals in integrated settings – natural supports have been taken out of the methodology. The group discussed which services to be included in the wording of the title of this metric. Cynthia is wondering why we are including DSA. Heather Hopkins-Sletcha is wondering why natural supports were taken out of the equation. Andre talked about how it's hard to find out how/who is receiving natural supports. Also we would have to include everyone in the waiver if we include natural supports. Chris suggested a graphic that shows the population as a whole. Mike suggested coming back to this metric; to make sure it's clear.

Metric #2 – increase number of adults working in competitive integrated employment settings. Andre received a suggestion to include natural supports in this metric, possibly will add a line to add it separately.

Metric #6 – new employment –group would like to add individuals who have jobs through individual supported employment, not just job placement. Which means Andre would need to change the forecast. Andre will add a pie chart indicating where/how they received the job.

Metric #7 – new employment age 18-24 years old – same changes would be made here that will be from #6. Chris is wondering if we can get more in depth data to try and find out how they got

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the job. Mike suggested looking at the people who have jobs and didn't go through the formal job development process.

Metric #8 – employment path services – discussion about who is billing for what, and which services we want to capture. Sarah Jane talked about the provider that is shutting down and wanting to know where those people have gone. Mike talked about having a different report that could possibly include data that doesn't point to one of these metrics.

Strategy #1

Metric #1 – decrease the number of people received sheltered workshop settings. This data set does not include the new HCBS with the assumption of the 2019 date for sheltered workshops. Mike talked about possibly needing to revisit this metric more often than the others, so as this CMS guidance comes out we can adjust.

Metric #2 – Heather Hopkins-Sletcha talked about wanting to see what an average day looks like for someone, how many hours they spend in which service.

Strategy #2

Metric #1 - community partnership. ODE is in the process of developing this data, the hope is to have this included by the end of June.

Metric #4 – parent/student advocacy training – Acacia is concerned that this will be more about the k-plan rather than early engagement.

Strategy #3 – system capacity

Metric #1 – providers for employment services – Corissa suggested adding an 'and/or' to the methodology

Mike wondered if there are members that would like to be on a conference call to work on this over the next couple of weeks. Chris and Sarah Jane, Bill is interested depending on when the meeting would be scheduled. Cynthia would be willing to participate but she is hoping for some

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more clarity, she liked the pie chart idea. Chris suggested keeping the caveats included; she acknowledged that we would most likely not get it right first time.

Due to time, the transportation agenda item was deferred. The next meeting will continue the discussion about metrics, with a review of the actual projections.

Membership:			
P	Seth Johnson Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon – Service Provider	X	Sarah Jane Owens Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs - Counties
X	Cynthia Owens Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities – Advocacy	G	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	X	Trina Lee DHS – Vocational Rehabilitation
G	Dacia Johnson Oregon Commission for the Blind – Vocational Rehabilitation	G	Liz Fox Oregon State Rehabilitation Council – Vocational Rehabilitation
	Ross Ryan Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocates	G	Laurie Kash Lebanon School District – Education
	Jaime Daignault Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities – Advocacy	G	Jessica Leitner Edwards Center – Providers
	Marcia Ingledue The ARC Oregon – Advocacy Organization		Sydney Shook Families Connected – Families

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	- Self Advocacy		
X	Sarah Drinkwater Department of Education – Education	X	Roberta Dunn Family and Community Together – Family Members
X	Lilia Teninty DHS – Office of Developmental Disabilities (ODDS)		Senator Lee Beyer Oregon Senate – Legislature
G	Jordan Ohlde Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate		Phil Stone Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate
	Jordana Barclay Oregon Workforce Partnership – Workforce		
	Invited Guests		
	Robert Costello - VR		Julie Sobel – sitting in for Chris Burnett from ORA
	Angela Yeager – Employment First	X	Ann Balzell - VR
X	Andre Harboe – Employment First	X	Danielle Vander Linden - ORA
X	Tim Acker – Employment First	X	Julie Huber - ODDS
X	Corissa Neufeldt – Employment First	X	Mitch Kruska - ODE
X	Allison Enriquez - ODDS	X	Brean Arnold – Employment First
	Anna Lansky – Deputy Director ODDS	X	Brad Collins – ODDS regional – south/coast region
	Ryley Newport - OCDD	X	Robin Duvall –ODDS regional-central
X	Acacia McGuire-Anderson - ODDS	X	Teresa Knowles –ODDS regional-eastern
X	Heather Lindsey - ODE	X	Nathan Deeks –ODDS regional- metro/NW
	Stephanie Roncal - ODDS		

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Future Agenda Items	Owner	Discussion/Decision
Continued discussion about HCBS <i>-The future of DSA services</i>	All	Discussion
Collaborating with different agencies about complaints- <i>how do we address complaints that come in from the schools? How will EF see them, VR ODDS etc...</i>	All/QA/QI	Discussion
How do we reach employers successfully?	All/Angela	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 – <i>To be removed when no longer relevant and added to tracker.</i>			

Decisions	
Date	<i>To be removed when no longer relevant and added to tracker</i>