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**To: Employment First stakeholders**

**From: Statewide Employment First Coordinator Mike Maley**

**Re: Employment First: Stakeholder Policy Group Update**

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

The Stakeholder Policy Group, comprised of key stakeholders and community partners, is a central part of the Governor's Executive Order 13-04. The Policy Group has two primary missions: (1) to recommend outcomes and metrics to the State and review the State's performance under those metrics; and (2) to advise and make recommendations to the Director of DHS and the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor and Legislature regarding the ongoing implementation of the Executive Order. The Policy Group also has a role in crafting and approving the Integrated Employment Plan required in the Executive Order.

The Policy Group was formed in July 2013, with its first meeting held on September 2013. As the anniversary of the first meeting date approaches, I thought it might be helpful to describe the next actions planned for the Policy Group.

In the coming months, the group will take on three key tasks. First, the Policy Group is forming a list of recommendations for state leadership consideration. These recommendations were discussed at the August 2014 meeting and are being finalized for distribution.

Second, at the upcoming September meeting, the Policy Group will be reviewing and updating the key metrics by which the Employment First initiative will measure success and progress. The current metrics are included in the Integrated Employment Plan. The plan can be viewed at:  
[http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dd/supp\\_emp/docs/2013-11-integrated-employment-plan.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dd/supp_emp/docs/2013-11-integrated-employment-plan.pdf)

Finally, the Policy Group will be reviewing and revising, as necessary, the Integrated Employment Plan to reflect the more refined metrics mentioned above, and to include current policies and strategies around increasing individual integrated employment in Oregon.

The current Stakeholder Policy Group members are:  
Rep. Sara Gelser, Oregon legislature

Sen. Lee Beyer, Oregon legislature  
Trisha Baxter, ODDS  
Cynthia Owens, Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Jaime Daignault, Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Marcia Ingledue, The ARC Oregon  
Bill Uhlman , Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage  
Heather Hopkins–Slechts, Full Access Brokerage  
Sarah Jane Owens, Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs  
Paul Partridge, Yamhill County Developmental Disability Program  
Ed Krankowski, Portland Public Schools  
Jan Sansom, Lebanon School District  
Sarah Drinkwater, Department of Education  
Sydney Shook, Families Connected  
Roberta Dunn, Families and Communities Acting Together  
Ross Ryan, Oregon Self-Advocacy Coalition  
Jordan Ohlde, Oregon Self-Advocacy Coalition  
Seth Johnson, Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon  
Chris Burnett, Oregon Rehabilitation Association  
Jessica Leitner, Edwards Center  
Stephaine Parrish Taylor, DHS Vocational Rehabilitation  
Dacia Johnson, Oregon Commission for the Blind  
Liz Fox, Oregon State Rehabilitation Council

All meeting notes of the Policy Group can be viewed at  
[http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dd/supp\\_emp/initiative.html](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dd/supp_emp/initiative.html)

Thank you all for your continued involvement, support, and advocacy for services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon. If you have comments or other questions, please email them to [employment.first@state.or.us](mailto:employment.first@state.or.us).

~ Mike

**NOTE:** Registration is now open for training on Discovery, developed by Griffin-Hammis Associates. The entire schedule is at: <https://otac.quickbase.com/db/bhb27xmh6?a=q&qid=5> or click on the links below to register:

[Portland](#): Sept. 15 and 16, with Cary Griffin

[Pendleton](#): Sept. 18 and 19, with Cary Griffin

[Medford](#): Oct. 2 and 3, with Janet Steveley

Eugene: Oct. 7 and 8, with Cary Griffin

Bend: Oct. 9 and 10, with Cary Griffin

Salem: Nov. 13 and 14, with Janet Steveley