

Executive Order Statewide Stakeholder Policy Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

1-2 p.m.

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Minutes taken by: Debbie Stevens

Facilitated by: Acacia McGuire Anderson

Introductions

Review Agenda

Canceling January 5th meeting; return on February 2nd.

Review last month's meeting minutes

- Temporary rates remain as is until the public emergency is lifted.
- Received positive feedback on the Transition worker's guide updates.

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- Group had no questions regarding the November meeting.

ODDS Updates – Acacia

- Acacia reported the Employment First team is going to do 2022 planning in December and February.
- The 1:1 rate and rates for virtual services are in the process of going permanent.
- We are working to release ARPA funding quickly to support capacity building for providers of DSA and Employment services
- Capacity issues for job coaching and job development.
- ODDS is planning to release \$5M ARPA funding that can be used specifically for DSA, Employment, operational costs and capacity building, COVID-19 testing for group services, and weekly testing of staff and participants as recommended by OHA.
- Rebecca and the new ARPA team are working on grants.
- Funding will vary on the size of the organization and based on pre- and post-COVID-19 revenue connected to DSA and Employment services.
- The minimum grant amount will be \$5,000.
- Transmittal, message and application expected to be released this week.
- Rebecca, the ARPA team and others are working on these grants.
- These new grants resemble the Innovation Grants of the past and must go through our contracts and procurements process, which is very straightforward.

- ODDS has received feedback on proposed DSA and Employment group sizes, as well as questions about expanding services.
- Rules currently state only groups of six, including staff, are allowed.
- Looking at groups of 10 or 12 for a stable cohort.
- So far, feedback has been positive; we are still checking with providers to determine if increasing group sizes would prove manageable.

Q – Do you know if OHA has propped up vaccine testing resources for providers to access? We have found that obtaining home tests are difficult due to lack of stock. Just curious if you have any resources on obtaining home testing supplies.

A – Unfortunately, not that I am aware of. But I will check back in

Q – Viruses are scary. How are people to adapt to new norm?

A – Some people will be more comfortable, but others not. Different for everyone. Providers are hearing people want to get back out. Depends on the person.

VR Updates – Howard

- VR is on track to reopen to the public January 1st, 2022. However, VR will continue to utilize virtual appointments and use of electronic signatures.
- Intent is to reopen on January 1st.
- No policy or procedure updates from VR at this time.
- The federal Rehabilitation Services Administration issued an FAQ a couple weeks ago redefining CIE.
- Howard shared a website: <https://rsa.ed.gov/sub-regulatory-guidance/rsa-frequently-asked-questions-criterion-integrated-employment-location-0>
- Mirrored all Oregon is doing already.
- Clarified questions across the nation.
- Emphasized that each position needs to be looked at individually.
- Clarified in some instances how CIE could take place within a provider organization; Oregon has been doing this for a while.
- Acacia appreciated the similar language to our HCBS policy.

Education Updates

- Acacia reported we hope to initiate a Transition Project Search next year.
- Several people attending this meeting also attended PACT trainings.
- Erica offered a training update.
- Two trainings have occurred.
- January trainings are scheduled for every county except two or three.
- A few counties haven't completed their trainings.
- Pre ETS coordinators attended.
- People from ODE, ODDS and VR all presented at the trainings.

- Next week Wednesday, 12/8, there will be a TTAN meeting where all will share what assessments look like.
- Seamless transitions are the goal.
- Also slated is a discussion on how best to continue delivering services virtually and in-person to meet all people's needs.

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- Next year we hope to provide a mix of virtual and in-person trainings.

Meeting Structure

- Acacia reported it is her understanding that VR, ODDS and ODE will be returning to some in-person meetings beginning in January.

Virtual vs In-Person

- Virtual meetings offer the advantage of allowing more people to engage without traveling.
- The group agreed they would like to continue meeting virtually.
- Erica suggested some in-person and some on Zoom; however, sometimes it is difficult to fully engage in virtual meetings because of possible in-person side conversations happening.
- Ross thinks a hybrid should be tried and keeping Zoom for meetings like this.
- Perhaps a couple times a year in-person meetings could be held as it would provide time for in-person networking.
- In-person meetings are great for local folks, but they do make it harder for people who can't travel.
- One thing that can help is having everyone in the meeting room log in with just their camera on from their phone or laptop. You can at least read facial expressions that way.
- The hybrid option is really difficult to hear and follow at times.
- Some would prefer a few meetings in person and mostly over Zoom.
- Perhaps we could come up with a “meet in the middle” spot.

How and what do people want to get out of this meeting in 2022?

- Good opportunity for State to get input.
- Is it of value to providers?
- In past, different folks presented.
- Maybe bringing in businesses and chamber members.
- Ideas content and/or materials?
- How we get businesses more informed on this work.
- Success stories from businesses.
- Acacia reported receiving positive feedback about a presentation by Ryley and Justin.
- We need more stories and presentations about how services are working or not working for people.

- Ryley suggested bringing in Ross, Justin and others to help with presentations.

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- Acacia suggested making a big push on LifeCourse to highlight people with I/DD as part of employment recovery.
 - Is there some kind of “push group” to fashion a legislative bill to ensure people with I/DD are included in economic recovery?
 - Are people up for this? Ross and Ryley agreed with this idea.
 - Perhaps we could invite other states to present about their supported employment work.

Agenda for next year?

- Erica suggested inviting some EF groups to quarterly meetings of this group.
- We could do EF along with employers and employees to share experiences.
- Angela put a plug in for some diverse people to either join this group or present on their experiences. Maybe FACT or DD Council have some individuals or family members who might be excited to participate?
- Erica noted that most EF groups have self advocates or individuals sharing.

How often?

- Monthly one hour?
- Quarterly only?
- It would be hard to maintain momentum if we were just meeting quarterly.
- Laura agreed. Relationships built over time.
- Another idea for the group to consider together is perhaps an award program for champions of Employment First.
- Acacia noted this was done through Innovation grants before.
- Ryley enjoyed students sharing.

- Ross recommended every other month and quarterly.
- Acacia suggested going ahead with monthly hybrid meetings for now.
- Perhaps a Spring quarterly meeting in-person, or biannual meetings.
- Invite EF groups, chambers, etc.

ImpactOregon

- Angela shared she will be facilitating an ImpactOregon webinar on 12/6 with information about our statewide marketing and advertising campaign, as well as assistance to providers on how to post jobs on the site.
- The marketing and advertising campaign will be full scale and include bill boards and ads on social platforms.
- Angela shared the Zoom webinar link:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1604497419?pwd=cXRUaFBLZFJ4czVyZm1iOjFwVjZkdzZz09>

Next meeting agenda items/wrap up

Next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2022.

Membership:			
	Seth Johnson Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon – Providers		Paul Partridge Deschutes CDDP – Counties
X	Corey Jeppesen Oregon Resource Association (ORA) – Providers	X	Laura Noppenberger Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage
X	Heather Hopkins-Slechta Full Access Brokerage High Desert – Brokerage	X	Karen McKenney FACT – Family Members
	N/A Oregon Commission for the Blind		Keith Ozols DHS – Vocational Rehabilitation
X	Ross Ryan Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate	X	Liz Fox Alternative Work Concepts – Providers

X	Ryley Newport Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities – Advocacy		Margaret Theisen Pearl Buck -- Providers
	Mike Franklin Oregon Department of Education		Allen Cress Edwards Center – Providers
	Heather Lindsey Vocational Rehabilitation	X	Justin Connolly Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate
	Kriss Rita Education, Transition Network	X	Acacia McGuire Anderson DHS – Employment First
	Lilia Teninty DHS – Office of Developmental Disabilities		Michael Salitore Molalla School District – Education
X	Kathy Schlotfeldt MV Advancements – Providers	X	Howard Fulk Vocational Rehabilitation
			Senator Sara Gelser Oregon Senate – Legislature
	Invited Guests:		
X	Rebecca Sexton – ODDS	X	Ellen Mendoza – DOJ
X	Angela Yeager – ODDS	X	Theresa Knowles, ODDS
X	André Harboe – ODDS		Robin Brandt, VR
X	Tim Acker – ODDS		Sally Simich, ODE
X	Allison Enriquez – ODDS		Julie Huber – ODDS
X	Nathan Deeks, ODDS		Julia Ansberry, Trellis
	Brad Collins, ODDS	X	Amber Robles, Living Opportunities
	Gene Rada, ODDS		Nicole Jorwic, IR
	Maria Gwilliam, MV Advancements		Tim Rocak, Garten
	Melanie Hartwig, ODDS		Sheri Boyd, VR
	Donna Lowry, TNF		Pennie Hartley, VR
X	Erica Drake, ODDS		