

# Executive Order Statewide Stakeholder Policy Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

**1:00-3:00pm**

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Introductions		5	Acacia
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ONA/Compass Update		10	Acacia
VR Update		10	Howard
Education Update		10	Mike
Presentation: Student Summit		30	Students from Molalla River School District presenting
ABLE Pilot		30	Allison
Capacity Discussion		20	Acacia
Next meeting agenda items/wrap up		5	All

Minutes taken by: Angela Yeager

Facilitated by: Acacia McGuire Anderson

**Student Summit:** Students Eddy, Cameron and Destiny from Molalla gave a presentation on their experience at the Student Summit held in October 2019. Discussed having fun, new experiences such as checking into a hotel. They had fun activities along with pre-employment sessions that including making your elevator pitch, and mock interviews with local businesses. Cameron said the mock interviews helped prepare him for the job he now has at the local feed store.

Eddy said he met new people and had new experiences. Destiny said she met new friends from around the state.

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Multiple members of the policy group applauded the presentation.

Kriss Rita mentioned this first summit was a pilot. In 2020 with funding with ODE and VR, there will be multiple student summits held across the state.

Question: will there be outreach with families or is this an education-down model?

Answer: Definitely need outreach with families and schools to get participation.

Michael Salitore noted that parents of the students were nervous at first because it was their kids' first time staying overnight away from home but after the summit noted that the students were more confident.

**Compass/ONA update:** Because of contractor error, additional funded is required to implement provider rates and SGs. Because of this, we are not sure exactly when the new rates or SG implementation will happen but the work is continuing. It is exciting work, as we will streamline things in eXPRS and ideally also be able to have new transportation and 1:1 emp path rates.

**Employment Path Community One-on-One rate:** Something that has been discussed for a while as needed. Need stakeholder input. If you feel this is important, please email Acacia.

Waiver: Public comment period on job coaching rates: feedback is due Feb. 23.

ODDS On Demand modules are continuing with job coaching, discovery, benefits, etc. The hope is to have discovery training out in late spring so folks have time to take that before roll out new profile.

**VR Updates:** All managers hired right now, youth and workforce manager and new business and operations manager.

First comprehensive counselor training program held recently over five days, 40 hours.

Included sessions on how to be more collaborative with partners like ODDS. Cohort model

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paired VR staff with other parts of the state so they can learn from one another. Next step is to have similar training for HSAs (Human Services Assistants).

VR is also working on all its OARs and will be pushing those out over the next few weeks.

Subminimum wage project update: VR just finished the report for 2019 activities. Less than 670 people making subminimum wage in 2019, which is down from 990 the previous year. Every year has dropped significantly.

VR In-Service is happening August 5-6. VR is exploring professional development opportunities with WINTAC and Cornell University on customized employment, transition services and more.

**ODE update:** Oregon State Transition Conference: first week of April. Traveling through the state in March, meeting with all TNFS to help and see how we can collaborate.

Visiting school districts to discuss transition planning for students with disabilities.

**Supported Decision Making Tools and ABLE pilot:** Piloting training and information to facilitate supported decision making. Research shows that people making own decisions more likely to work. Receiving technical assistance from subject matter experts. Have a statewide workgroup convening at end of month. Oregon Able Savings Plan through Treasury, very interested in Trying to supporting this a tool to help people be independent, make decisions for themselves, including their financial situation.

Question about working with OSAC and self-advocates to build information

Answer: Yes, would very much like input on what would be helpful.

Question: Will there be a provider form to help a person get support from their provider on ABLE in lieu of power of attorney?

Answer: There is a process to let provider take on responsibilities to help the person manage without giving power of attorney, been slowly onboarding organizations. Would like feedback on the tools.

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**Capacity:** Update on status of ODDS Workforce Recruitment Website. Recently had focus group session and received input on job titles, marketing tools. Would like input from this group on videos that would be impactful?

Answer: The “why” of why people work in this field. Stay away from stuff that sounds patronizing or heroic.

Response: Many people get into this field because they want to advocate for a better life for people with disabilities and that can take many forms.

What places do you advertise or currently look:

Indeed, Facebook. Also have materials at colleges.

Rural areas: local newspapers and radio.

Also: families want people to understand this is a professional career.

Response: How about targeting people already in service-oriented fields, such as AmericaCorps, PeaceCorps, military, etc.?

Topics for next meeting:

Regional capacity building with local summits/business engagement.

Transition Manual: Sally and Ryley.

Laura: EOSBB: capacity strategic plan in Eastern Oregon.

<b>Membership:</b>			
<b>Seth Johnson</b> Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon – Providers		x	<b>Paul Partridge</b> Deschutes CDDP – Counties

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x	<b>Corey Jeppesen</b> Oregon Resource Association (ORA) – Providers	x	<b>Laura Noppenberger</b> Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage
	<b>Heather Hopkins-Slechta</b> Full Access Brokerage High Desert – Brokerage	x	<b>Roberta Dunn</b> FACT – Family Members
x	<b>Cam Jordan</b> Oregon Commission for the Blind		<b>Keith Ozols</b> DHS – Vocational Rehabilitation
	<b>Ross Ryan</b> Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate		<b>Liz Fox</b> Alternative Work Concepts – Providers
x	<b>Ryley Newport</b> Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities – Advocacy		<b>Margaret Theisen</b> Pearl Buck -- Providers
x	<b>Mike Franklin</b> Oregon Department of Education		<b>Allen Cress</b> Edwards Center – Providers
x	<b>Heather Lindsey</b> Vocational Rehabilitation	x	<b>Justin Connolly</b> Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate
x	<b>Kriss Rita</b> Education, Transition Network		<b>Phillip Squibb</b> Klamath Falls CDDP
	<b>Lilia Teninty</b> DHS – Office of Developmental Disabilities	x	<b>Acacia McGuire Anderson</b> DHS – Employment First
x	<b>Kathy Schlotfeldt</b> MV Advancements – Providers	x	<b>Michael Salitore</b> Molalla School District – Education

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x	<b>Howard Fulk</b> Vocational Rehabilitation		<b>Senator Sara Gelser</b> Oregon Senate – Legislature
	<b>Invited Guests:</b>		
x	Rebecca Sexton – ODDS	x	Ellen Mendoza – DOJ
x	Angela Yeager – Employment First		Tom Stinson, DRO
	Andre Harboe – Employment First		Robin Brandt, VR
x	Ann Balzell – VR		Theresa Knowles – ODDS
x	Tim Acker – Employment First	x	Erica Drake, ODDS
x	Allison Enriquez – ODDS		Julie Huber – ODDS
	Nathan Deeks, ODDS		Karen McKenney, FACT
	Brad Collins, ODDS	x	Kaellen Hessel, Oregon Treasury
x	Amber Robles, Living Opportunities	x	Josh Barbour, Education