

Executive Order Statewide Stakeholder Policy Meeting

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Minutes taken by: Angela Yeager

Facilitated by: Acacia McGuire Anderson

Reviewed last month's minutes.

Contingency Funding Update: ODDS is doing everything possible within federal and state regulation, and within current budget constraints to retain Employment and DSA providers. Due to further direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), ODDS updated its current policy on billing for Employment and Day Support Activities (DSA) services. As of June 4, 2020, contingency funds for Employment and Day Support Activities (DSA) services may no longer be requested. The first round of funding was 100 percent of billings for one month, and after that it was two weeks at 75 percent. So after feedback from CMS, looked at flexible billing for providers that can provide a remote service.

Question: So to clarify, the last installment we received is a retainer and will need to be paid back from our future billing?

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Answer: We did two weeks of funding to providers, tied back to individual, at 75 percent of what actual billing would be. That gets tied into a liability, or an advance. Yes, it is essentially a liability in eXPRS set up and asking providers to bill for everything they can.

Question: The April funding is a grant, and there is no payback, versus the two weeks, which is advance?

Answer: Yes, the first month is a true grant or funding, and no payback expected.

Question: We are delivering DSA virtually. Is the billing, even if it isn't one-on-one, can still be billed one-on-one?

Answer: Can be billed at community rate, even if it's a class. If doing solo DSA, that is still billed as in-person or if remote service meets their ISP goal, can be billed that way.

Question: The amount we received is less than we would have expected for 2 weeks based on the previous amount for 1 month. Is it pointless to inquire further at this point?

Answer: Providers can get clarification from Lea Ann Stutheit with specific questions on this. Keep in mind the first month was 100 percent but the two weeks was up to 75 percent, based on billings in April.

Question: Is the liability against the actual job coaching we did in April or will we be paid for the work we did?

Answer: Any billings will be held back until reach that liability. So the more job coaching you do, reach that liability faster.

Question: Can employment path virtual be also billed at community rate?

Answer: Yes, this is different than before. DSA and Employment Path remote services can be billed at community rate now based on feedback received.

Education Update: Transition Technical Assistance Network Virtual Conference held for two days in May. To some extent, it was reset. From time group was founded to now, staff grew from 8 to more than 25 people. Need to enhance communications practices with NTACT goals, and make sure we are on same page, and that everyone understands the vision and expectations. Transition-related activities happening during distance learning: TNFs holding weekly virtual meetings with transition teachers. Creating lessons around video resumes, Pre-ETS jeopardy, active learning skills, elevator pitches, and much more.

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VR Update: Just passed one month of virtual intakes. Significant shift in work and service delivery of program. Learning that intake process is taking about two hours. Training unit developed a three-part series on how to do virtual intake, including focus on equity. In April, had more than 50 placements and more than 40 in May. Getting more comfortable with this shift in services. Yesterday, the VR program turned 100. Worked for weeks to develop a 100 year celebration online platform, including a video with former and current staff and consumers, as well as partners and State Rehab Council.

Eastern Oregon capacity: Presentation by Laura and Xochil. EOSSB undertaking project with community partners. Serve 13 Eastern Oregon counties. Went through resource identification process. Difficult to have authentic conversations with people about employment when you don't have resources such as job developer or job coaches. Certain areas such as Harney, Wheeler, Morrow, Gillam, Sherman, Wallowa, Grant and mid-Columbia had no job developers. Presented to EOSSB board and approval to try to shift the needle and refocus one individual at a time. Engaged with Xochil to address capacity. Started with reviewing all Career Development Plans and DNEs, and looking at strengths and weaknesses from lens of someone who has done job development and job carving. Also talking to businesses about needs. State has also helped with increasing free training opportunities. Key to getting a PSW up and running is having support throughout the process.

Xochil: Reading through ISPs and CDPs, 28 people identified needed job coach and 84 said not interested in exploring employment. After talking with PAs and having conversation about what supported employment really means, then 95 people identified needed a job coach and just not interested in employment was now 39.

New focus on self-advocacy alliance in mid-Columbia area, so people can advocate for services. Increasing PSW training, and training for Personal Agents.

Reopening plans: Recently issued Phase 1 guidance. For services that stopped, like small group, DSA or employment path, because wasn't considered essential or providers stopped on own, looking at some reopening. Since start of COVID, issued more than 60 transmittals. Compiled those all into worker guides based on provider types. Everything that provider type should need is in that worker guide. Phase 2 guidance coming soon. Programs may choose to reopen in phase 2. Submit a plan for how they will reopen based on health and safety, social distancing, and how shifts are scheduled to keep amount of people limited, taking temperatures, etc.

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Question: Is it an option for agency to do Employment Path one-on-one?

Answer: Yes, definitely can do it but unfortunately there is not an Employment Path one-on-one rate. That was something we continue to advocate for but unfortunately not available at this time.

Question about Discovery.

Answer: We did pause Discovery because it is a difficult service to do remotely. We have had conversations with stakeholders about what reopening Discovery may look like, and how it can be done safely.

Safety protocols: Allison shared the [Making a Plan for Returning to Work guide](#), and talked through the many tools included in the guide, such as the Lifecourse Star and Lifecourse Trajectory. She emphasized the need to have an informed discussion with people about making a plan for returning to work or other activities in the community during COVID-19 and ways to keep people safe. Published this along with fact sheets and Powtoon videos and many other tools.

Question: Are these return to work sample plans are to be done with people by provider staff or ISP teams?

Answer: It can really be done with anyone the person chooses who they trust and want to have that conversation with, including their ISP team, or case manager, or anyone really.

Next meeting: If no topics for July, may cancel and have next meeting in August.

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		Roberta Dunn FACT – Family Members

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x	Cam Jordan Oregon Commission for the Blind	x	Keith Ozols DHS – Vocational Rehabilitation
	Ross Ryan Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate	x	Liz Fox Alternative Work Concepts – Providers
x	Ryley Newport Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities – Advocacy	x	Margaret Theisen Pearl Buck -- Providers
x	Mike Franklin Oregon Department of Education	x	Allen Cress Edwards Center – Providers
x	Heather Lindsey Vocational Rehabilitation	x	Justin Connolly Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition – Self Advocate
x	Kriss Rita Education, Transition Network		Phillip Squibb Klamath Falls CDDP
	Lilia Teninty DHS – Office of Developmental Disabilities	x	Acacia McGuire Anderson DHS – Employment First
x	Kathy Schlotfeldt MV Advancements – Providers		Michael Salitore Molalla School District – Education
x	Howard Fulk Vocational Rehabilitation		Senator Sara Gelser Oregon Senate – Legislature
	Invited Guests:		
	Rebecca Sexton – ODDS	x	Ellen Mendoza – DOJ
x	Angela Yeager – Employment First	x	Theresa Knowles, ODDS
x	Andre Harboe – Employment First		Robin Brandt, VR
	Tim Acker – Employment First		Erica Drake, ODDS
x	Allison Enriquez – ODDS	x	Julie Huber – ODDS
x	Nathan Deeks, ODDS	x	Karen McKenney, FACT
x	Brad Collins, ODDS	x	Amber Robles, Living Opportunities
x	Gene Rada	x	Nicole Jorwic, IR
	Maria Gwilliam, MV Advancements	x	Tim Rocak, Garten

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x	Julia Ansberry, Trellis	x	Tami Socolofsky, Trellis