

**Employment First  
Policy & Legislation Work Group Notes  
Date January 2, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Name	Kim Moody		Name	Rick Langley		Name
Name	Betsy Hopkins		Name	Jeanie Coltart		Name
Name	Karen Fraser		Name	Debbie Gilmer		Name

**Others Present:**

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
<p>Sub-Minimum Phase-out legislation</p>	<p>Kim reported on conversations with legislative leadership. Senator Katz has agreed to submit concept bill based on HR 831, and he has forwarded that to the revisor's office. We should expect to see first draft of that from them soon but should get modifications to them now. Actual final language is out of our hands but we can of course weigh in on ideas. Need language re incentives for providers.</p> <p>At Sec 3 (2), under transition: add language re concern about people needing transition that reflects WIOA language. Betsy to draft and send. Edits to include reference to Maine's minimum wage.</p> <p>Clarify language re closing the door to new people working under certificates, not just new certificate holding "entities." IE No <i>person</i> entering employment shall be paid sub-minimum wage...</p> <p>Add supports to people and families</p> <p>Insert in labor statute, remove "workers with disabilities" section altogether?</p>	

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Data development	<p>Betsy is in process of answering queries on who will be impacted, numbers of people, etc.</p> <p>Of 350 or so total individuals, 200 or so are served by waivers? What is break-down of other people currently subject to sub-min?</p>	Betsy to talk with Pam M and prepare info request answers.
Partners and allies	<p>Mary Lou Dyer reached out to Kim re developing language we can agree on. Need to clarify Dick's role as liaison to them and connect with Mary Lou.</p> <p>Need to be thinking about Tom's of Maine and others who can speak of changed practices, and why.</p>	Kim to talk with Mary Lou Dyer.
Co-sponsor development	Kim talked with Amy Volk, Senate Labor chair; agreed EFM policy work group should meet with her on sub-min.	Need to schedule this meeting.
<p><b>Next Meeting</b> Not scheduled.</p>	Date	Agenda Items