

EMPLOYMENT FIRST MAINE  
Workgroup Recommendations

**Name of Workgroup: Policy & Legislation Work Group**

Project Deliverables/Recommendations	What has been accomplished?	What work remains?	Prioritization for EF Success (H – M – L)
<p><b>A. Phase out the use of sub-minimum wage provisions in Maine’s service system.</b></p>	<p><b>Policy group coordinated development and submission of this bill, and supported public education activities at public hearing.</b></p>	<p><b>Policy group is developing educational materials and coordinating for carried – over bill to be considered this session.</b></p>	<p><b>High</b></p>
<p><b>B. Develop 1915 (i) waiver opportunity for Maine mental health consumers.</b></p>	<p><b>This has been a major activity for the Capacity Building/Vision Quest groups, and technical assistance and research has taken place within those groups.</b></p>	<p><b>Development and submission of waiver application, and follow up work.</b></p>	<p><b>High</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promote a message, from the Commissioners of DHHS, DOL, and DOE, and from management at funded service provider agencies, advocating a strong Employment First orientation.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Capacity Building project</b></p>	<p><b>This is an opportunity at EFM’s midway point to seek a public recommitment to the EFM initiative.</b></p>	<p><b>Medium</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Develop and promote resources on customized employment, highlighting successful employment outcomes</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Capacity Building project</b></p>	<p><b>Merge into joint project with Capacity Building and Communication group to assess availability of resources, and plan to promote them?</b></p>	<p><b>High</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Develop and promote resources for families regarding proper transition services, what good transition should look like, and how to conduct strong career goal setting.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Transition group project?</b></p>	<p><b>Merge into joint project with Capacity Building and Communication group to assess availability of resources, and plan to promote them?</b></p>	<p><b>High</b></p>

EMPLOYMENT FIRST MAINE  
**Workgroup Recommendations**


**After considering the work that remains, do you think that this workgroup should continue or can the priorities be better accomplished in a different way? Please explain.** \_\_\_\_\_