

# EmploymentFirstMaine

## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date of Meeting: Friday, June 12, 2015  
Time: 11am – 1pm  
Location: MDOL, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta  
Facilitator: Betsy Hopkins

### Present

Betsy Hopkins, VR	Janet May, CCIDS
Rick Langley, DRM	Jeanie Coltart
Terry Morrell, DDHHL	Debbie Gilmer, Syntiro, Maine APSE
Lisa Sturtevant, OADS	Gail Fanjoy, KFI
Kevin	Shannon Hartmann, Waban

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Vision Quest update

Debbie: work being done with Abby Cooper, re a focus group bringing together executive directors, discussing hiring practices. Webinar in development re human resources and EDs.

### 3. Work Group reports

**Capacity Building:**

Every person. Every talent. Every opportunity.

Formal recommendation to DOE, DOL, DHHS re culture of employment, EF 101, principles included in contracts, etc. Staff be required to participate in training.

**Policy/Legislative:**

Brief discussion re status of subminimum bill. Bill has been carried over to next session. Testimony gave opportunity to give stories and info to LCRED on the issue.

Terry: WIOA made this a federal requirement? Betsy: WIOA says in 2016 no new students can be moved to sub minimum.

Next step: monitoring, preparing for next session and chance to educate committee, recruit partners in support, etc.

**Business/Employer:**

Haven't met recently. Business events happening next week, Tue and Wed. Need to reassess membership. Extend new invites. No DOL rep currently. Anne Nadzo no longer member.

**Transition :**

Meeting at 130pm today. Cate Corbett working on a transition guide coming out of Jim Martin's group, she's been contracted to prep the guide.

Guide will be available on line, able to be amended as needed.

Journal of Rehab article of interest has been posted at EFM website. Group has been reviewing recommendations, consulting with Karen and that helped to get back on track. Template up to review recommendations.

Lisa: did some systems mapping. Looking at age 14, kids in custody etc. Dulcey helpful in this.

Identified that schools have been trained on transition but not a focus on employment. Lots of general transition resources around.

**Data group: no report.**

**Fall Conference Training Opportunities:**

Betsy, Debbie, gail presenting at national APSE – history of EFM. Growth of coalition, etc. Gail added some provider perspective too. Debbie and Gail doing pre-conference session on EFM too.

Leticia and Lisa:

People providing services but additional training to have enough knowledge to triage questions, benefits confusion, myths, etc. Champion within their agencies to help coworkers understand employment and benefits etc.

Working with MMC to adapt AK curriculum.

Secondly, need more CWICs. Training is significant.

Expansion of professionals to support pathways to employment. Individual placement and support (IPS) model developed by Dartmouth, ACRE training model, training mental health agency staff on evidence based model.

Supported employment in i-spa will increase need and availability of specialists.

Lastly, EF curriculum – putting money in to support family members, pwd, advocates, providers w EF 101, including pwd as co-trainers.

Fall conference: tracks. Booked Civic center, looking for keynote.

Offered opportunities for cheap or free tech assistance over the next year to follow up on track areas participant enrolls in.

EFM help with those events? MMC doing break out session, others too.

Success stories from Maine needed to share!

**Transportation update:**

Lisa: Re Lisa Mills analysis, and follow up: 2 meetings have occurred with MaineCare. MaineCare doing an audit of Penquis CAP, and issues are coming up.

Stories/problems have been forwarded to Lisa. Gave MaineCare a list with a summary. Keep this item on our agenda for updates.

New VR videos: 5 stories of pwd, consumers telling employment stories.

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**Next Meeting:**

**EFM Coalition Meeting**

Date of Meeting: **Friday, July 10, 2015**

Time: **11am to 1pm**

Location: **MDOL, 45 Commerce Drive, Frances Perkins Room**

Call-in option: **888.909.7654, PIN 978057**

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