



Policy and Issues Committee

February 17, 2022, 9:00am-10:30am via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Barb Chaffee, Marc Majors, Christen Pentek, Amy Carlson, John Olson, Vicki Leaderbrand, Ling Becker, Annie Tietema, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Elena Foshay, Ben Baglio, Lorrie Janatopoulos

ETPL Updates—Marc/Christen/Annie

Marc, Christen, John, and Amy presented. DOL has made a clarification on ETPL reporting. The state must now report “ITA Funds received by program,” which is a change from what was previously reported. DEED is interested in identifying the least burdensome way to do this, possibly using WF1. Directors agreed it would be best to speak with their Adult/DW supervisors to get input. Will coordinate a separate meeting on this after next week’s JSS Committee.

MOU/IFA Training and Timeline—Lorrie

DOL training for state agencies for region 5, starts next Wednesday. Lorrie will share the agenda and training objectives. Conversations can start happening now around IFAs/leases as necessary. Discussion around what local boards leads and what state leads. Difficult to determine cost allocation methodology.

MinnesotaWorks Replacement—Lorrie/Mike

DEED held two webinars on 2/16 to review the replacement plan for MinnesotaWorks, most directors had participated in them. Discussed that it’s very important that sign up on the new site is quick and easy.

GWDB—Ben

State plan updates will address COVID-19 pandemic, will not change plan substantially.

P&I Committee Work—Barb

Discussed committee will be smaller moving forward, with 4 reps from Greater MN and 4 from metro, as well as DEED leaders and relevant staff based on agenda topics. Want to refocus committee on policy and issues that need discussion. This committee is a partnership and is a time to come together and talk openly. Committee will only meet when it has agenda items, will try to ensure it doesn’t duplicate Operations Committee.