

Employment First Taskforce Meeting

Agenda

Date: November 7, 2024

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Location: Oklahoma State Capitol--Room 450

1:00-1:15---Welcome and Introductions—Representative Ellyn Hefner

- Introductions
- Opening remarks on the purpose of forming the Employment First Taskforce

1:15—1:30--Highlights on Employment First---RoseAnn Duplan

- Overview of recent developments in the elimination of subminimum wages on the national level
- Key initiatives and legislation

1:30—1:45—Review of States Implementing a Transition Plan Away from Subminimum Wages—Deborah Copeland

- Challenges and successes

1:45-2:00—Blend Ability Documentary

- Discussion

2:00—2:30--Discussion on the specific needs and challenges for Oklahoma

- OKDRS—Melinda Fruendt, Executive Director, OKDRS
- OKDHS/DDS—Renee' Heath, Programs Manager, Employment Services Unit

2:30--2:40--Break—10 minutes

2:40—3:30-- Stakeholder Input

Lauren Branch, President/CEO, NewView Oklahoma
Joel Bain, Executive Director, Mid-Del Group Home
Joann Horn, Parent Advocate
Brian Smith, DRTC Board Member, Self-Advocate
Sue Gill and Kolby Gill, Parent and Self-Advocate

Nancy Klos, Parent Advocate
Deborah Copeland, Executive Director/CEO, DRTC
Robin Arter, Executive Director, ThinkAbility

3:30-3:45—Questions

3:45-4:00--Next Steps

- Composition of Taskforce
- Date for Next Meeting—12/4/2024
 - Funding structures and service delivery systems
- Discussion on implementation strategies