

Re: Update re: OESP

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Wonderful all around. Thanks both.

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From: Taglione, Cristina (MCSS)
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY); Janeiro, James (OPO)
Subject: RE: Update re: OESP

I think that sounds great. Thanks Matt for your help. I hear some progress is being made. Will forward another email, I got earlier.

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From: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Sent: March 08, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Taglione, Cristina (MCSS); Janeiro, James (OPO)
Subject: RE: Update re: OESP

Hi Cristina,

Just met with my ADM to try push them on this. Happily, it looks like we all agree on the path forward and that it will work. Yes, we need to make a couple decisions. There is a bit of work that needs to be done before we can make the decisions but this is in the order of a week or two, not months. We would also want to seek your (and POs) input on the decisions as it will affect how much \$ a SA applicant would receive.

In tomorrow's meeting we can talk about what an acceptable timeline should look like, I think. Make sense on your end?

Thanks,
Matt

From: Taglione, Cristina (MCSS)
Sent: March-07-17 5:47 PM
To: Janeiro, James (OPO); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Update re: OESP

Hi Matt,

I just wanted to follow-up because from what I can see below...we are still hung up on 2 decisions that energy needs to make in order to get moving on the changes for OESP that would get SA clients on asap.

Is there any help you can provide to getting this moving quicker?

Thanks

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From: Bowen, Jeffrey (MCSS)

Sent: March 07, 2017 8:41 AM

To: Taglione, Cristina (MCSS); Ferguson, Hilary (MCSS); Drydyk, Julia (MCSS)

Cc: Melnikova, Inga (MCSS); Steele, Richard (MCSS)

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Hi Cristina,

Attached is a draft deck that Energy developed with our support to brief the ADMs. This meeting has not occurred yet – Energy is scheduling. The deck outlines a proposed approach to automatically qualify SA clients for the OESP, which as I outlined below, requires a few decisions in order to get off the ground:

1. Energy to accept social assistance eligibility verification and that this is based on family unit as opposed to the household;
2. Energy to determine what the credit amount would be for those that qualify based on social assistance eligibility, which may require development of a new OESP credit matrix/table for social assistance clients; and,
3. Development of a social assistance specific OESP application form.

MCSS has started to mock-up a social assistance OESP application form as well as develop/update appropriate business processes to support the automatic enrolment. I would say that decisions 1 & 2 above are the big decisions and these rest with Energy.

You will see in the deck that we have proposed a 3-4 month timeframe to get this off the ground. This provides the time needed for Energy to get the decisions they require, for us to jointly develop the supports/tools/processes needed and undertake change mgmt. activities with SA staff.

Happy to discuss further if you would like.

Thanks

Jeff

From: Taglione, Cristina (MCSS)

Sent: March 07, 2017 7:08 AM

To: Bowen, Jeffrey (MCSS); Ferguson, Hilary (MCSS); Drydyk, Julia (MCSS)

Cc: Melnikova, Inga (MCSS)

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Hi Jeff

I need an update today. I'm meeting with PO and I need to understand where we are at? Were the ADM's briefed...what stage are we at now? We need to be moving quicker. Let me know what's happening.

Thanks

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From: Bowen, Jeffrey (MCSS)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:11 AM
To: Taglione, Cristina (MCSS); Ferguson, Hilary (MCSS); Drydyk, Julia (MCSS)
Cc: Melnikova, Inga (MCSS)
Subject: Re: Update re: OESP

OK. The concept is simple: anyone eligible for SA is eligible for OESP and enrolled in the program.

A new form would be created for SA purposes. We would incorporate this form into the SA intake process for new applicants (intent is make it as simple as possible for our workers). The completed form would then be sent to OESP program administrator for automatic enrollment.

The same process/form would be used for existing SA clients. We would need to reach out to these clients and may want to consider something more than a mail out. I put on the table that we could get a temporary, dedicated, team assembled to "blitz" the caseload if Energy has the \$\$.

There are key decisions that Energy needs to make to make this work; namely: accept SA eligibility verification, accept that SA verification is based on family unit as opposed to household and determine what the credit amount would be for SA clients. I believe those are the 3 key decisions that we'll be seeking direction on.

There has also been discussions with having SA offices as dedicated OESP intake agencies where they would go through the existing OESP application with the SA applicant, which would also entail collecting and verifying info about anyone else in the household that is not part of the family unit. While it cuts out the need to make the decisions noted above, I have concerns with this as we'd be layering on a lot more admin on the caseworker. I think energy gets this and focus is on approach described above.

Hope this makes sense and helps.

Jeff

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I need something more than this Jeff. I need to know what the ADMs will be briefed on. I know that's not the normal practice but things are moving rapidly and I'm being asked by senior PO.

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Hi Cristina

We last met with Energy staff yesterday to discuss an approach to streamline the enrollment process for SA clients. We arrived on a couple of potential short-term solutions that along with a targeted communication strategy would have SA clients automatically enrolled. We're planning to present this to ADMs this week. There are potential changes as well as decisions re: OESP that are likely needed and that we will be seeking direction on. We have agreed to a joint MO mtg following ADMs. I will work with the ADMO/DMO to get this scheduled.

Thanks
Jeff

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From: Taglione, Cristina (MCSS)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Bowen, Jeffrey (MCSS); Ferguson, Hilary (MCSS); Drydyk, Julia (MCSS)
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Hi Jeff,

Premier's office is asking where we are at with the OESP fix.

I need an update asap please (by tomorrow am).

Thanks

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