

TANF Project Scope Questions
Based on GOC Direction/Approval at Oct. 18th meeting and
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1. What are the primary contributing factors to the decline in TANF basic assistance caseload since 2010?
2. How is Maine's use of federal TANF funds and the populations served with those funds changing?
3. To what extent does DHHS have effective processes for identifying and prioritizing potential uses of TANF funds and ensuring funds are spent on allowable supports and services?
4. To what extent does DHHS evaluate the effectiveness of programs and services supported with federal TANF funds?
5. To what extent is DHHS taking effective action to minimize negative fiscal impacts for failing to meet TANF's work participation requirements?

Comments Received From Senator Gratwick on Oct. 24, 2017

Question 4 is excellent and to the point. I would add "and the extent to which these programs have decreased child poverty and deep child poverty"