# Consumer Directed Employer Rate Setting Board

**Meeting #4**

**May 17, 2024**

**9:00am – 2:30pm**

## Minutes

ATTENDANCE

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| Present Today | Online | Name | Role | \*Voting Member | ^Advisory Member | Notes |
| Yes | Yes | Bledsoe, Ben | Representative | \* |  | CDE Rep. |
| Yes | Yes | Bowen, Tammy | Representative |  | ^ | People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities Organization |
| Yes |  | Brannan, Pam | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
| No |  | Chambers, Kelly |  |  | ^ | House of Representatives (R) |
| No |  | Cleveland, Annette | Senator |  | ^ | Senate (D) |
| Yes |  | Declet, Sonya | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
| No |  | Dustin, Georgiann |  |  | ^ | State Council on Aging Representative |
| Yes | Yes | Erickson, Eric |  |  | ^ | Licensed Home Care Agency |
| Yes |  | Glickman, Adam |  | \* |  | Exclusive Bargaining Unit Designee |
| Yes |  | Hollimon, Cynthia | Representative | \* |  | Governor’s Office Rep. |
| Yes | Yes | Hood Quan, Maralise | Facilitator |  |  |  |
| N/A |  | Open Position |  |  | ^ | People with Disabilities Organization |
| No |  | Muzzall, Ron | Senator |  | ^ | Senate (R) |
| Yes |  | Prieto, Nellie |  |  | ^ | Home Care Worker |
| Yes |  | Rector, Bea | DSHS Staff | \* |  | DSHS Rep. |
| Yes |  | Reed, Charles | Chairperson |  |  |  |
| Yes |  | Schlesselman, Diana | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
| No |  | Tharinger, Steve | Representative |  | ^ | House of Representatives (D) |
| Other Attendees   * Online Guests * In-room guests * Merissa Clyde, SEIU * Lina Stepick, PHI * Sahar Banijamali, SEIU 775 Benefits Group * Laura Reding, SEIU * Christina Johansen, SEIU 775 Benefits Group * Galen Li, Dimartino Associates * Kelly Blodgett, Agency Provider * Virginia Alvarez, Individual Provider | | | | | | |
| Meeting Links   * Rate Setting Board [Consumer Directed Employer Rate Setting Board | DSHS (wa.gov)](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/consumer-directed-employer-rate-setting-board) * Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) * [Online Training Steps 2019.docx (live.com)](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fagportal-s3bucket.s3.amazonaws.com%2Fuploadedfiles%2FHome%2FAbout_the_Office%2FOpen_Government%2FOpen_Government_Training%2FOnline%2520Training%2520Steps%25202019.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) * [Open Government Training | Washington State](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.atg.wa.gov%2Fopen-government-training&data=05%7C02%7CCDERateSettingBoard%40dshs.wa.gov%7Cd2c563cc959a41a22ca908dc2ca7bbd9%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638434346131213610%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cJNav8U01WGl7bquKhgEf63H%2BmXM8UU5r7LT0OB3N0w%3D&reserved=0) | | | | | | |

AGENDA MINUTES

| **Topic** | **Discussion Highlight** | **Action items/Outcomes** |
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| **Welcome** | | | |
| Welcome and Introductions | Facilitator welcomed guests. |  |
| Purpose/Meeting Overview | Chair shared observation on needs for improvement of long-term care system. |  |
| Approval of Minutes from 05.06.2024 | Chair opened to comments and vote to approve. | Motion to approve by Adam Glickman. Bea Rector seconded. 4 Yay, 0 Nay for approval. |
| Opening Remarks/Old Business |  | No discussion. |
| **Benefits Group Overview** | | | |
| Benefits Group Overview | Merissa Clyde presented on the Benefits Group benefits and programs, impacts, investments, challenges, and ideas.   * Questions about caregiver training (topics and family member versus individual provider). Answered in session. * Question about facilitated care and time for qualification. Answered in session. * Question about caregiver support during hospitalization. Answered in session. |  |
| Board Discussion | Board observed it was helpful to see the difference and significance of Benefits. |  |
| **Economic Security** | | | |
| PHI | Presentation by Lina Stepick on Washington Home Care Workers and job quality.   * Question about the impact of fringe benefits and the impact on recruitment and retention. Answered in session. * Question about wages/merit increases related to the quality of care. Observation that it would be good to look into various value-based strategies. Observation that there are currently increases and premiums available based on training and experience. |  |
| **BREAK** | | | |
|  | Presentation by Sahar Banijamali on Economic Security & Emergency Funds and Healthcare Coverage Instability Research.  Laura Reding presented on Emergency funds including emergency grants.   * Question about variance of data by county. One noted variance was housing costs in King County. * Observations on housing instability. * Question about health care coverage difference between APs and IPs. Answered in session. * Discussion about how a drop in hours can suspend medical coverage and possible solutions to minimize loss of hours. * Observations on emergency funds options. * Question about what would happen to funds placed in an account under the Savings plan option. Answered in session. |  |
| Health Care | | | |
|  | Presentation by Chrstina Johansen on health benefits, advancing coverage for kids benefits, and baseline assumptions.    Presentation by Galen Li on Medical Trends and associated factors.   * Question about benefits, coverage based on age, and specifics for health options. Answered in session. * Question about whether adding child dependents has reduced Medicaid numbers. Answered in session. * Question about open enrollment. Answered in session. | * Request for information about Coverage Continuity and how much coverage is offered with the provided projected cost. |
| **LUNCH** | | | |
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| Benefits Group | Shaine Truscott presented on Healthcare and economic stability.    Virginia Alvarez presented on personal experience.  Kelly Blodgett presented on personal experience. |  |
| Board Discussion |  | * Request for background data on the History of IP Funding presentation (4/24 meeting). * Request for updated data on monthly per capita and caseloads. * Request for HCA assumptions for PEBB and Medicaid costs (Medical trends) |
| Public Comment | IP provided personal statement about pay, and how loss of transportation affected IP and clients.    Online message from Board member to update computer system to make it more user friendly.    IP provided personal statement about loss of insurance after loss of a client and injury.  Question about number of IPs over age 65 and eligible for Medicare. Observation that IPs may not know about the ability to apply for different medical coverage like Medicare. Answered in session. |  |
| **Adjourn** | | | |
| Adjourn | Facilitator wrapped up the meeting. | Next meeting is May 29, 2024.  Chair ended meeting at 1:45pm. |