# Consumer Directed Employer Rate Setting Board

**Meeting #5**

**June 5, 2024**

**9:00am – 3:00pm**

## Minutes

ATTENDANCE

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| Present Today | Online | Name | Role | \*Voting Member | ^Advisory Member | Notes |
| No |  | Bledsoe, Ben | Representative | \* |  | CDE Rep. |
| Yes | Yes | Bowen, Tammy |  |  | ^ | People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities Organization |
| No |  | Brannan, Pam | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
| No |  | Chambers, Kelly |  |  | ^ | House of Representatives (R) |
| No |  | Cleveland, Annette | Senator |  | ^ | Senate (D) |
| Yes |  | Declet, Sonya | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
| Yes | Yes | Dustin, Georgiann |  |  | ^ | State Council on Aging Representative |
| Yes | Yes | Erickson, Eric |  |  | ^ | Licensed Home Care Agency |
| Yes |  | Glickman, Adam |  | \* |  | Exclusive Bargaining Unit Designee |
| Yes | Yes | Hollimon, Cynthia | Representative | \* |  | Governor’s Office Rep. |
| No |  | Hood Quan, Maralise | Facilitator |  |  |  |
| N/A |  | Open Position |  |  | ^ | People with Disabilities Organization |
| No |  | Muzzall, Ron | Senator |  | ^ | Senate (R) |
| No |  | 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   Jen Unger  Aileen Pick, CDWA Labor Relations Director (for Ben Bledsoe)  Sue Partridge, Executive Assistant, CDWA | | | | | | |
| 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 | Welcome | Welcome from Chairperson and Facilitator. |
| Approval of Minutes from 05.29.24 |  | No comments. Bea Rector motioned to approve. Adam Glickman seconded. 3 yay, 0 nay.  Ben Bledsoe was not in attendance and did not vote. |
| Opening Remarks/Old Business | * Follow-up from 5.29.2024 – Comparable Paid Time Off (PTO) information was shared. * Follow-up from 5.29.2024 – 2,383 caregivers have taken nurse delegation training since 2015. * Follow-up from 5.29.2024 – recent changes to in-laws training requirements were incorporated in the recent Training Partnership presentation. |  |
| **Client Survey** | | | |
| Client Survey Results | Sonya Declet presented on the client survey results. National Core Indicators – Aging and Disability (NCI-AD) and a survey of clients of in-home care services. | To find the NCI-AD report, web search “national core indicators” |
| Board Discussion |  | No additional discussion. |
| **Budget** | | | |
| Budget and Policy Center | Prestin Parish, from the Washington state budget and policy center, presented on the Home Care Workers: Why Adequate Pay is Essential.  A walk through of WA state fiscal and economic conditions, equity benefits of higher pay, and economic benefits of higher pay.   * Question about inflation and prices. Answered in session. * Question about year over year growth and inflation. Answered in session. * Question about wealth tax. Answered in session. * Question about real estate transfer tax. Answered in session. * Clarification economic modeling terminology. | Follow-up requested on conversation about what amount of pay is needed to make a person no longer for certain assistance programs (SNAP or childcare). Board explanation on the "benefits cliff." |
| Board Discussion |  | No additional discussion. |
| **BREAK** | | | |
| **State Budget** | | | |
| State of the State/Budget Parameters | Presentation by Nona Snell on the 2025-27 Operating Budget Overview including the mechanics and the development of the budget, budget realities, and requirements.  Background on how the biennium budget program is determined along with important dates.   * Question about what is most expensive to the state. Answered in session. * Question about what OFM is concerned about. Answered in session. * Question about when the next caseload forecast will be available. Answered in session. * Question about the accuracy of the numbers in the forecast. Answered in session. * Question about whether other taxes would reduce if the state introduced income tax. Answered in session. |  |
| Board Discussion |  | No additional discussion. |
| Public Comment | An individual provider shared Petition to the Consumer Directed Employer Rate Setting Board with signatures. Copy in the briefing book.  An agency provider shared a need for increased pay and benefits. Shared concerns for reimbursements and costs involved in the work caregivers do.  An individual provider shared the need for increased wages and benefits. Shared concerns about caregivers and homelessness. | Board Questions and comments: |
| **ADJOURN** | | | |
| Adjourn | * Board member shared that SEIU plans to make a rate proposal on June 13, 2024. * DSHS is waiting on the June forecast for proposals. Will work for this in July.   Facilitator wrapped up the meeting. | * Next meeting is June 13, 2024 and will be the final meeting in this building. * July meetings will be held in the building next door. * Meeting adjourned at 10:59am. |