# Consumer Directed Employer Rate Setting Board

**Meeting #13**

**August 30, 2024**

 **9:00am – 11:00am**

## 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 |  |  | ^ | People with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities Organization |
| Yes |  | Brannan, Pam | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
|  |  | Chambers, Kelly |  |  | ^ | House of Representatives (R) |
|  |  | 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 | Yes | Glickman, Adam |  | \* |  | Exclusive Bargaining Unit Designee |
| Yes | Yes | Hollimon, Cynthia | Representative | \* |  | Governor’s Office Rep. |
| N/A |  | Open Position |  |  | ^ | People with Disabilities Organization |
|  |  | Muzzall, Ron | Senator |  | ^ | Senate (R) |
|  |  | Prieto, Nellie |  |  | ^ | Home Care Worker |
| Yes | Yes | Rector, Bea | DSHS Staff | \* |  | DSHS Rep.  |
| Yes | Yes | Reed, Charles | Chairperson |  |  |  |
|  |  | Schlesselman, Diana  | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tharinger, Steve | Representative |  | ^ | House of Representatives (D) |
| Other Attendees* Online Guests
* In-room guests
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| 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)
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AGENDA MINUTES

| **Topic** | **Discussion Highlight** | **Action items/Outcomes** |
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| **Welcome**  |
| Welcome and Introductions  | Welcome  | Welcome from Chairperson. |
| Approval of Minutes from 08.27.24 | One change reviewed. No other suggested changes | 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.Chairperson approved the minutes. |
| **Public Comment** |
| Public Comment | In-person discussed the stresses related to budgeting and struggles to survive on the current wages.In-person discussed living paycheck to paycheck, the need to increase the wages, and the need to work another job to make ends meet. |  |
| **Board Discussion** |
| Discussion  | Adam Glickman presented a fifth SEIU proposal. Reduced cost that is closer to the state proposal.* Adam made a motion to adopt a CDE labor rate $35.42 for FY26
* Adam made a motion to adopt a CDE labor rate of $37.42 for FY27
* DSHS acknowledged the efforts the union.
* Need a rate divisible by 4 so need to make the FY26 rate $35.43. Amendment accepted
* Cynthia seconded the motion to adopt the CDE labor rate.
* 4 Ayes for the above labor rates.

Admin rate discussion – 3% increase in both FY26 and FY27* $1.48 Base, $2.13 total in FY26
* $1.52 Base, $2.22 in FY27
* Modest investment in customer service is appreciated
* Bea moved to approve the Admin rate, Adam seconded the motion.
* 4 Ayes for CDE Admin rate

Home care admin increase – 3% in both FY26 and FY27, increased are on the FY25 rate, and adjustment for B&O tax* $0.30 increase in FY26
* $0.53 increase in FY27
* Adam moved to accept, Ben seconded
* 4 Ayes for recommending a home care admin rate increase

SEIU noted difficulties tracking changes in CDE rates. Would like to see them posted on the rates webpage, wasn’t always included. For home care agencies, could DSHS produce a draft proposed agency rate (pending funding) this fall, instead of waiting for July 2025. * There are some issues with calculating parity, but DSHS can work on making this available
 | Labor rate of * $35.43 for FY26
* $37.42 for FY27

CDE Admin rate of* $1.48 Base, $2.13 total in FY26
* $1.52 Base, $2.22 in FY27

Recommended home care agency Admin rate of * $0.30 increase in FY26
* $0.53 increase in FY27

Review of these meeting minutes.4 Ayes, 0 Nays. |
| **ADJOURN** |
| Adjourn | Chairperson adjourned the meeting | No further meetings.Adjourned at 9:33am. |