# Consumer Directed Employer Rate Setting Board

**Meeting #12**

**August 27, 2024**

 **1:00pm – 4:00pm**

## Minutes

ATTENDANCE

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| Present Today | Online | Name | Role | \*Voting Member | ^Advisory Member | Notes |
| Yes | Yes | Bledsoe, Ben | Representative | \* |  | CDE Rep.  |
| No |  | 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 |  |  |  |
| 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. |
| 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 | Yes | Reed, Charles | Chairperson |  |  |  |
| Yes |  | Schlesselman, Diana  | DSHS Staff |  |  |  |
| No |  | Tharinger, Steve | Representative |  | ^ | House of Representatives (D) |
| Other Attendees* Online Guests

Jonathon Smith* 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)
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* [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 08.19.24 |  | All in favor. No dissentions. Chair approved the minutes. |
| Opening Remarks/Old Business |   | No discussion. |
| Lessons learned survey | A survey will be made available for the Board to share thoughts on the Rate Setting board meetings. |  |
| **Public Comment** |
| Public Comment | Online member of the public who is an individual provider (IP) shared about her care for her son and her concerns for who will care for her son when she cannot.  Online member of the public who is an IP and an Agency Provider (AP) and shared her experience with working many hours, working on a limited income, and caring for people who are on a limited income.  |  |
| **Board Discussion** |
| Discussion  | **Bea Rector** presented the updated State Rate Proposal. This changes the labor rate for CDWA as well as agencies, due to the parity rate law. Considerations for the B&O tax with a reminder that the board does not determine how the rates are used.  **Cynthia Hollimon** presented on the State Rate Proposal context. There are decision considerations for the State budget and four-year impacts to consider. * Considerations for the B&O taxes and the net gain for the state.
* Slide 8 of the state proposal in incorrect in the Agency Admin Rate Increase. The amount shown is approximately half a cent lower each fiscal year than the actual increase due to changes in B&O. The correct rates are displayed on Slide 9.
* Discussion about the statutory requirement to submit the Board’s rate proposal to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) by October 1, 2024.
* Reminder that there are four voting members, and the Chair will vote if there is a tie.
* Question about the total B&O portion. Answer of for FY26 the GFS portion is just shy of $1M. For FY27 it's about $1.7M. This is for CDE only with small impact to HCA provided in session.

   **Adam Glickman** shared that SEIU put together a fourth proposal for the Board to consider and can share as another data point and presented Cost with Parity proposal. * Main difference is year 2 wages.
* Discussed the difference between the State's second proposal and SEIU's fourth proposal with a look at threshold of feasibility.
* Question about the reduction of some numbers on a slide. Answered in session.
* Board discussed voting on the Admin rates separate from the Labor rate.
* Discussion about another meeting to discuss and vote on the Labor rate. Will also vote on Admin rate at that time.

   | **Decision**: Board members shared that they will holding a meeting 9am-11am on August 30, 2024, and allow time for a reaction to the proposal from the Union Board also decided to do all the voting on 8/30.  |
| **ADJOURN** |
| Adjourn | Meeting adjourned by the Chairperson. | * Next meeting is August 30, 2024 at 9:00am.
* Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

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