# Consumer Directed Employer Rate Setting Board

**Meeting #10**

**August 5, 2024**

 **9:00am – 12:00pm**

## 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 |  |  |  |
| 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 |  | Erickson, Eric |  |  | ^ | Licensed Home Care Agency |
| Yes | Yes | Glickman, Adam |  | \* |  | Exclusive Bargaining Unit Designee |
| Yes |  | Hollimon, Cynthia | Representative | \* |  | Governor’s Office Rep. |
| N/A |  | 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

Mariana MorianteJonathon Smith |
| 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 07.08.24 |   | All in favor. No dissentions. Chair approved the minutes. |
| Opening Remarks/Old Business | * Next revenue estimates will be available in September.
* Reminder that Board’s job is to make a recommendation to the Governor who will make a recommendation to the Legislature.
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| **Public Comment** |
| Public Comment | Member of public shared monthly budget. People are leaving the work because they cannot afford living essentials.  Member of public shared personal difficulty with lack of pay, being homeless, and trying not to get sick.  Online member of the public shared experience of caring for elderly mother.  |  |
| **Board Discussion** |
| Discussion  | **Bea Rector** presented the State Rate Proposals for RSB. The state recognizes that bargaining between SEIU 775 and CDWA may result in a different utilization of investments. * Proposing 4% increase for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2% for Fiscal Year 2027 for Labor Rate.
* Proposing additional 3% for Other Benefits for both Fiscal Years for Labor Rate.
* Proposing 3% increase for the CDE base Administrative rate in both Fiscal Years.
* Proposing increase to get customer service ratio to 152:1.
* Proposing 3% increase for Agency base Administrative rate in both Fiscal Years.
* Proposing funds for weighted B&O for 2023-2025 biennium and 2025-2027 biennium.
* Question about health care funding. Answered in session.
* Question about base wage rate lower than SEIU modeled. Answered in session.
* Question about the $0.26 cent increase for Labor & Industry cost. Answered in session.
* Question about how taxes are calculated. Answered in session.
* Question about mileage and amount used in the rate model. Answered in session.
* Question about EVV funding. Answered in session.
* Question about PPE funding being in the rate model. Answered in session.
 | * Request for meeting to discuss 4%/2% rate modeling.
* Request for another look at the tax calculations.
* Request for paid average hours for clients.
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| **BREAK** |
| Discussion | **Adam Glickman** presented on SEIU proposal, including question on the numbers and comment on wages and healthcare. Also comments on rebuild of purchasing power after 2020. * Reviewed of adjustments to the 6/13/2024 SEIU proposal.
* Question about the timing for Office of Financial Management (OFM). Answered in session.
* Question about other programs and the proposed rates for the coming biennium and future.
* Question about the benefits cliff, when wages are not enough to cover lost eligibility for benefits and resources. Answered in session.
* Discussion about the various factors that the Board needs to consider.
* Discussion about the state’s requirement to view forecast outlooks and balance the budget for four years.
* Question about nursing home caseloads. Answered in session.
* Discussion about voting at the 8/19/2024 meeting.
* Discussion about SEIU updated proposal including agency parity in the cost.
* Discussion about an additional meeting day in August. August 27, from 1pm-4pm was agreed upon by the Board.
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| **ADJOURN** |
| Adjourn | Chairperson wrapped up the meeting.  | * Next meeting is August 19, 2024.
* Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.
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