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Adult Day Services Working Group

10/27 Meeting Minutes – 9:00 a.m. on Zoom and YouTube

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairwoman Garibay.

The following members were present:

Rep. Jane Garibay, Rep. Anne Hughes, Mag Morelli, Chrissie Schettini, Mary Pat DeCarlo, Margaret Gerundo-Murkette, Cheryl Rosenbaum, Jennifer Cavallaro, Dawn Lambert, Julia Evans-Starr,

The following members were not present:

Zani Imetovski, Tracy Wodatch, Melissa Morton

Chairwoman Garibay welcomed the members and introduced the homework assignments.

Mary Pat DeCarlo presented on issues affecting developmentally disabled centers in comparison to issues facing adult day services. Among the challenges facing both types of centers were hiring shortages, reimbursement rates, and providing adequate transportation. Members discussed having Krista Ostaszewski from DDS come to speak regarding the reimbursement rates and the "settings rule" as it affects developmentally disabled centers.

Cheryl Rosenbaum and Rep. Hughes presented on reimbursement for transportation to and from adult day services, as well as the estimated rate of \$17 per person, per trip for travel to or from a center. Members discussed gaining additional information for this subject due to the decline in demand brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairwoman Garibay discussed the general areas that had been discussed by the group for recommendations, such as lowering the age to account for early onset Alzheimer's, the possibility including transportation to and from adult day services in the statewide free public

transportation investment and increase staffing opportunities. Members also discussed the PACE model as it could relate to adult day services, and what PACE would look like for adult day programs, as well as potential issues with PACE. Members discussed sharing a video on the benefits of adult day services.

Chairwoman Garibay announced the next meeting for Thursday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom and YouTube Live.

Chairwoman Garibay adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.