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Adult Day Services Working Group

9/8 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, Tracy Wodatch, Jennifer Cavallaro, Margaret Gerundo-Murkette, Cheryl Rosenbaum, Melissa Morton,

The following members were not present:

Julia Evans-Starr, Zani Imetovski, Dawn Lambert

Chairwoman Garibay welcomed the members, reiterated the goals of the meeting and of the working group.

The members discussed the informational packet, regarding adults under 65 being eligible for adult day services via the state Medicaid plan, and the SWISS Protective Services Program, as well as what critical needs would qualify individuals for Medicaid-supported adult day services.

The members discussed ways to increase awareness of adult day services among eligible individuals under 65, and relevant data collection to find low-service areas and needs-mapping, and demographic data. Members then discussed cost of care information with regards to adult day services and other long-term care options.

Members discussed the recent closure of an adult day center in the state, and its relation to low enrollment and staffing, as well as the potential for increasing the rate of reimbursement of transportation to-and-from adult day services. Ms. DeCarlo mentioned reaching out to DSS and other groups to help compile information on ways the state could support adult day services, and the issues that Developmentally disabled centers face in comparison to adult day centers.

Rep. Hughes offered to compile further information related to transportation and reimbursement for the working group to utilize.

Members discussed having Dorian Long and a member of the National Association of Adult Day Services speak at future meetings. Chairwoman Garibay informed the membership that the next meeting will occur on September 22nd, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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