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Adult Day Services Working Group

9/22 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, Melissa Morton, Julia Evans-Starr, Zani Imetovski, Dawn Lambert

The following members were not present:

Jennifer Cavallaro, Tracy Wodatch

Chairwoman Garibay welcomed the members, and discussed the informational packet sent to members by Margaret Gerundo-Murkette regarding the total number of respite service caregivers in the state. Chairwoman Garibay introduced the first guest speaker, William Zagorski, president of the National Adult Day Services Association.

Mr. Zagorski discussed his background, and the challenges presently facing adult day services throughout the country, as well as how other states have sought to address these issues. Mr. Zagorski also discussed the benefits of adult day services over other forms of long-term care, and the ability of adult day services to care for younger adults with disabilities via waivers. The members discussed reimbursement rates throughout the country in comparison to Connecticut.

Members discussed individualized approaches to adult day programs, including specific areas tailored to individuals with certain disabilities or needs. Members then discussed the Genworth Cost of Care Survey for 2021 as it related to adult day services compared to nursing homes,

home health care, and assisted living facilities. Members also discussed reimbursement rates for states that treat adult day services on a per diem versus per unit basis, and reimbursement rates for transportation.

Chairwoman Garibay introduced Dorian Long, the state SWISS administrator as the second guest speaker. Members discussed eligibility criteria for individuals with certain individuals who qualify on Medicaid. Dawn Lambert agreed to investigate Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates for long term care programs in comparison to out-of-pocket costs, and what other states have initiated for helping facilitate transportation to and from adult day programs. Chrissie Schettini and Cheryl Rosenbaum agreed to put together data on the utilization of adult day centers over 10 years, as well as the split between "medical model" and "social model" adult day centers.

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