

Katie Beckett Waiver Program Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 30, 2024

2:00 PM in Room 2A of the LOB and Zoom and [YouTube Live](#)

I. **Convene Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 by Rep. Jillian Gilchrest.

II. **Remarks By Co-Chairs**

Rep. Gilchrest and Sen. Lesser welcomed the group and stated they are looking forward to the work that needs to be done.

III. **Roll Call of Working Group Members**

Members: Sen. Matt Lesser, Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, Molly Cole, Beth Fresa, Christine Weston, Nicholas Venditto, David Negron, Jennifer Handt, Louisa Kalsner, Emily Germain-Lee, Veronica Meneses, Lesley Bennett

Guests: Paul Chase, DSS

IV. **Review of Public Act 24-130**

Rep. Gilchrest read the working group's charge into the record.

Rep. Glichrest asked for feedback. Ms. Handt inquired if more feedback from families could be incorporated. Providing public comment during meetings was settled on.

V. DSS Presentation on Katie Beckett Waiver Program

Christine Weston and Paul Chase presented for DSS giving an overview of the Katie Beckett Waiver Program. In CT, Katie Beckett is supported by a 1915(c) waiver that supports a maximum of 342 participants. The other option for states is to provide State Plan Services through a TEFRA waiver that cannot have a waiting list. Currently, there are 319 children on the CT waiting list.

VI. Discussion of Council of State Governments Report

Rep. Gilchrest provided an overview of the report created by the Council of State Governments and encouraged members to read and review the information provided. Conversation was held subsequently.

VII. Discussion of Potential Topics for Future Meetings

- Cost sharing/ financial share in other states
- Financial data of waiver recipients that are already cost sharing
- What implementation of the TEFRA plan would look like?
- What are families using the waiver for?
- Home modification coverage

VIII. Announcement of Time and Date of Next Meeting

Rep. Gilchrest scheduled the next meeting for October 21, 2024 at 1pm via Zoom.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.

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