

## **CYBHWG Workforce and Rates subgroup**

**January 4, 2023**

Leads: Representative Mari Leavitt, Hugh Ewart, Laurie Lippold

### **Review the Governor's budget with respect to our workforce/rates priorities**

- The Washington Council is currently in the process of identifying a specific number for Medicaid rate increases.
- Budget included increases for Children's Long-term Inpatient Program (CLIP) bed, Habilitative Mental Health Treatment (HMH) program, Echo training and an FTE to support the work.
- Nothing for conditional grants or reducing educational debt burden.

### **Discuss status of our workforce/rates priorities (e.g., one pager, leg champs, advocates, etc.)**

- The Washington Council will have a fact sheet or one-pager to identify details when rate increase is finalized.
- Money is available for adult learners to access through FASFA or WASA for undocumented that want to join the behavioral health work force.
- Post-secondary education is heavily involved in promoting and expanding programs to meet the high need for more behavioral health workers in the field.
- Would like to see more information to learn how to leverage the [College Promise grant](#); possibly a one-pager overview.
- The subgroup will continue to work on loan repayment and conditional grants.
- There was funding to increase investment in Early Childhood and Assistance Program (ECAP) and Complex Needs Fund which includes state pre-k providers and childcare providers.
- 2 compact bills have been introduced, they include speech audiology, and mental health counselors.
- Funding was included to establish new school-based health centers and increase the behavioral health professionals in schools to increase capacity.

### **Session communication**

- Laurie will send the issues chart to the team, which is a spreadsheet that captures the workgroup priorities and other relative items in the governor's budget.
- Look for several updates to go out during the 2023 legislative session, including the issues chart to be updated every 1-2 weeks.

### **Next steps**

- Next meeting will be on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-11 a.m.
- Send any subgroup session communication to Cindi for distribution.
- Laurie will send issues chart with legislative updates.

Chat:

- [Childcare complex needs funds](#)

## Attendees

Vaughnetta J. Barton, University of Washington (UW)

Tina Burrell, Health Care Authority (HCA)

Thalia Cronin, Community Health Network of Washington (CHNW)

Ted Dale, Department of Health (DOH)

Paul Davis, HCA

Kiki Fabian, HCA

Renee Fullerton, Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board

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Libby Hein, Molina Healthcare

Bob Hilt, Seattle Children's Hospital

Kristin Houser, Parent

Marissa Ingalls, Coordinated Care

Joe LeRoy, HopeSparks

Julia O'Connor, The Washington Council for Behavioral Health

Sarah Rafton, Washington Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (WCAAP)

Sheryl Schwartz, UW

Suzanne Swadener, HCA

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