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The Public Hearing of Proposed Changes to the Administrative Rules, taken before Annette R. Blough, RPR/CSR-5191, via Zoom Videoconferencing, in the City of Lansing, Michigan, commencing at about 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 18, 2023, pursuant to Notice.

APPEARANCES:

MICHIGAN REHABILITATION SERVICES

By: Mr. Tyler Gross  
1048 Pierpont, Suite 6  
Conference Room A  
Lansing, Michigan 48913

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None

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EXHIBITS:

(None Marked For Identification.)

1           MR. GROSS: Hello, everyone. I would like to  
2 call this public hearing to order. My name is Tyler  
3 Gross and I am a policy analyst with Michigan  
4 Rehabilitation Services or MRS. I will be facilitating  
5 this public hearing today. This public hearing is being  
6 recorded. We have an American Sign Language interpreter  
7 present. Also, we have a Communication Access Realtime  
8 Translation or CART transcriptionist remotely present and  
9 displayed on this wall behind me.

10           If anyone would like their own access to a  
11 realtime transcript of the session, please let me know  
12 now and I will provide that link.

13           Please make sure your cell phones are silenced.

14           This public hearing is being called to order at  
15 1:01 on October 18 at 1048 Pierpont, Suite 6, Conference  
16 Room A, Lansing, Michigan, 48913.

17           This is a Public Hearing of Proposed Changes to  
18 the Administrative Rules for the State of Michigan  
19 designated General Vocational Rehabilitation Program  
20 spanning Rules 3951 to Rule 39588.

21           MRS' administrative rules are being amended to  
22 update definitions to align with Federal regulations and  
23 provide clarity, modify the general requirements and  
24 non-discrimination statement, capture the Agency's  
25 process for developing a fee schedule for standardized

1 rates of payment, and to bring the rules into conformity  
2 with current practice regarding post-employment services.  
3 Full copies of the proposed administrative rule changes,  
4 notice of public hearing, and regulatory impact statement  
5 are available at the front of the room and upon request.

6 This public hearing is being conducted pursuant  
7 to provisions of 34 CFR 361.10(c) and 34 CFR 361.20.

8 And on behalf of Michigan Rehabilitation  
9 Services, Office of Employment and Training, Michigan  
10 Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, I notice  
11 that this public hearing was published in three  
12 newspapers of general circulation: In the Lansing State  
13 Journal on September 17th, 2023; in the Oakland Press on  
14 September 20th, 2023; and in the Mining Journal on  
15 September 30th, 2023. Information related to this rule  
16 making activity was published in the most recent edition  
17 of the Michigan Register.

18 Additionally, noting that this public hearing,  
19 along with the associated request of rule making,  
20 regulatory impact statement in draft rule language is  
21 available on the Public Michigan Rehabilitation Services  
22 website at [www.michigan.gov/mrs](http://www.michigan.gov/mrs).

23 We are here today to receive your comments only  
24 on the previously summarized proposal for proposed  
25 changes to administrative rules. If you wish to speak,

1 please make sure you have signed in and indicated your  
2 willingness to speak. We will call on speakers in the  
3 descending order in which their names are listed on the  
4 sign-in sheet.

5 When you come forward, please speak into the  
6 microphone; stand approximately where I am, to the right  
7 of the sign language interpreter; and identify yourself  
8 by giving your first, last name, and any organization you  
9 represent so that this information can be included in the  
10 recording and transcript.

11 If you have additional comments to submit in  
12 writing, you may leave them at the sign-in desk.  
13 There are paper templates for submission of written  
14 comments on the sign-in desk. Also, you can submit  
15 written comment to me via email at [grosst@michigan.gov](mailto:grosst@michigan.gov).  
16 That is G-R-O-S-S-T@michigan.gov. The open period for  
17 public comment closes at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard  
18 today, Wednesday, October 18th. I'm going to walk over  
19 to the sign-in sheet and just see if anyone would like to  
20 provide public comment for today.

21 Okay. We have a John from Disability Rights  
22 Michigan and the client assistance program. The public  
23 meeting recognizes John of Disability Rights Michigan and  
24 the client assistance program to provide comment. Please  
25 come to the front of the room and speak your comment into

1 the microphone.

2 MR. SLOAT: So my name is John Sloat and I'm a  
3 staff attorney at Disability Rights Michigan and I work  
4 with the client assistance program.

5 I just want to note that the client assistance  
6 program submitted written comments to MRS regarding this  
7 rule making. I'm not going to repeat or go into any of  
8 those specific comments in this public comment now.  
9 Prior to the beginning of this public hearing, I had a  
10 conversation with Mr. Gross. And it is my understanding  
11 that MRS will actively consult with the client assistance  
12 program regarding the comments that the client assistance  
13 program submitted. And the client assistance program  
14 looks forward to engaging with MRS about these elements.  
15 Thank you.

16 MR. GROSS: Based on our sign-in sheet, there  
17 are no further public comments at this time. The time is  
18 1:05 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. This public hearing is  
19 scheduled to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and will  
20 remain open for public comments until then.

21 This hearing is now off the record until called  
22 back on record by me.

23 (Off the record at 1:05 p.m.)

24 (Back on the record at 1:56 p.m.)

25 MR. GROSS: This public hearing is again now on

1 record.

2 Since there are no further comments at the  
3 time, I will close this public hearing at 1:56 p.m.  
4 The record will remain open for public comment until 5:00  
5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time today, Wednesday,  
6 October 18th, for any additional comments that the public  
7 may wish to share regarding the proposed administrative  
8 ruling.

9 Thank you all for coming today. And this  
10 public hearing is now closed.

11 (Public hearing closed at 1:56 p.m.)

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5 I, Annette R. Blough, CRC/CRR/RPR/CSR-5191,  
6 do hereby certify that I reported the foregoing public  
7 hearing via Zoom Videoconferencing; that the same was  
8 reduced to typewritten form, and that the attached eight  
9 pages constitute a full, true and accurate transcript.

10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
11 hand this 24th day of October, 2023.

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15 Annette R. Blough, CRC/CRR/RPR/CSR-5191 and Notary  
Public, Ottawa County, acting in Kent County, Michigan.  
My Commission expires 1-17-2027

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