



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: The Adequacy of Supports and Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

PURPOSE: To identify barriers to implementing the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities Transformation Agreement successfully

**Tuesday
October, 20th, 2015,
10am
Legislative Office
Building
Hearing Room C
Albany, New York**

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

In 1999 the United States Supreme Court decided in *Olmstead v. E.W. and L.C.* that individuals with disabilities be integrated into society in an appropriate manner to address the needs of the individual. Pursuant to that decision New York developed an Olmstead Implementation Plan under which the New York State's service and support delivery system for individuals with developmental disabilities is undergoing a major transformation. This process has required the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to enter into a transformation agreement with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to identify and implement a series of initiatives which are aimed to develop a person centered care model and provide enhanced opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in the areas of employment; integrated living, including moving individuals from institutional settings to community based living; and self-direction of services, utilizing a managed care payment structure.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the committee with an update regarding the actions taken in the SFY 15-16 budget with regard to the implementation of the transformation agreement as well as to identify barriers that may require additional resources in the upcoming fiscal year to ensure New York State has sufficient capacity to provide supports and services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.

**Aileen Gunther
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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on adequacy of supports and services for people with developmental disabilities on Tuesday, October 20th, 10am.
- I have been invited and plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearings.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** _____

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