News Briefing on

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Thursday, November 12, 2026

Room 1A, Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT

Program

Welcome by Representative Mike Demicco

Introduction to educational materials by Walter Glomb, Executive Director, Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

Speakers:

- Lauren Traceski, self-advocate – DDS Waivers
- Meg Teape, Executive Director, Arc CT
- Tracey Ruscil, Parent – Future needs
- Melissa Wilder, self-advocate – Mental Health Waiver
- Amy Bogert, NAMI CT
- Debbie Shaffer, self-advocate – CHCPE
- Natalie Shurtleff, AARP Connecticut
- Sandra Roberts, self-advocate – CFC
- Ryan Loosemore, self-advocate – CFC
- Maureen Amirault, CT ADAPT
- Elizabeth Bauch, Autism Speaks
- Tobey Partch-Davies, Executive Director, Disability Rights Connecticut

Remarks by Legislators

Questions from the press