

Meeting minutes: NHWSB Data Workgroup

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024

Minutes prepared by: Linnea Becerra

Location: Washington Room (Department of Labor and Industry) and virtual via Webex

Attendees

Members present

- Kim Brenne
- Michele Fredrickson
- Paula Rocheleau (remotely)

DLI staff members present

- Ali Afsharjavan (remotely)
- Linnea Becerra
- Paul Enger (remotely)
- Leah Solo

Visitors present

- Jeff Bostic
- Todd Bergstrom
- Brian Elliott

Agenda items

1. **Call to order** – the meeting was called to order by Executive Director Leah Solo at 3:07 p.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was declared.
2. **Approval of agenda** – a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Michele Fredrickson and seconded by Kim Brenne. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of drafted meeting minutes** – a motion to approve the Jan. 31 drafted meeting minutes as presented was made by Fredrickson and seconded by Brenne. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Board updates** –
 - Brenne spoke about the minimum wage being based on age or level of experience. She said the Department of Human Services (DHS) does not collect data about age or longevity of workers, so doing a fiscal note based on that would not be possible. There was discussion about the pros and cons of a statewide minimum wage, which led to discussion of a minimum wage based on

geographic areas. The group discussed, at length, the benefits and hurdles of a statewide minimum wage versus one with different wages based on geographic areas.

- Brenne pulled up cost report information for an example nursing home online for the group to view. The group discussed job titles and the care related hours. The group discussed prevailing wage and how many different job classifications there are within that system.
- The group decided it needed to narrow down its requests to DHS for a fiscal note.

5. New business –

6. Next meeting – the next meeting is Monday, Aug. 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brenne to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and was seconded by Paula Rocheleau. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.