

Minutes: NHWSB Data Workgroup

Date: Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024

Minutes prepared by: Linnea Becerra

Location: Hybrid – Minnesota Room at the Department of Labor and Industry and via Webex

Attendance

Members present

Kim Brenne

Michele Fredrickson

Paula Rocheleau (remotely)

Visitors present

Todd Bergstrom

Jeff Bostic

Peter Butler

DLI staff members present

Linnea Becerra

Paul Enger

Leah Solo

Agenda items

- 1. Call to order** – the meeting was called to order by Executive Director Leah Solo at 9:34 a.m. 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 Paula Rocheleau. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Approval of drafted meeting minutes** – a motion to approve the March 14, 2024, drafted meeting minutes as presented was made by Fredrickson and seconded by Rocheleau. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Board updates** –
 - Solo opened the discussion by noting the differences in the Long-Term Care Imperative's (LTC's) data and the fiscal analysis the Department of Human Services (DHS) presented at the previous board meeting. Todd Bergstrom and Jeff Bostic spoke about the different approaches in data collection; LTC used compensated hours, which allowed it to look at each employee individually, while fiscal notes use averages. The conversation encapsulated many topics, including wage compression, costs to providers, cost of implementation, additional costs reflected in the fiscal notes, change in estimates for Medicaid programs, the coming November forecast and legislative agendas. Kim Brenne pointed out key metrics DHS used when it did its analysis. All agreed that both LTC and DHS have barriers to obtaining full data sets.

- Peter Butler spoke about the timing and recalculating of data after the November forecast. The group decided to meet after the November forecast has been made public.

5. **New business** –

6. **Next meeting** – the next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. in the Koochiching Room.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Brenne to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and seconded by Fredrickson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.