



Frontline Worker Pay Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Hybrid Meeting

Room G-3 State Capitol and Remote via Zoom

12:00 PM

Members Present

Representative Ryan Winkler, Chair
Representative Cedrick Frazier
Senator Karin Housley, Vice Chair
Senator Mary Kiffmeyer
Senator Erin Murphy
Commissioner Robert Doty (via Zoom)
Commissioner Steve Grove
Commissioner Roslyn Robertson

Members Excused

Representative Anne Neu Brindley

Senator Housley, vice chair, called the meeting of the Frontline Worker Pay Working Group to order at 12:03 PM in Room G-3 of the State Capitol.

A quorum was present.

Minutes

The Minutes from July 28 were approved.

Nonpartisan House and Senate Staff Presentation

Sean Williams, Legislative Analyst, House Research Department, presented "Frontline Worker Pay Overview of Other States."

Mr. Williams was asked to keep the working group updated if more information about what other states are doing becomes available.

Overview of Long-Term Care Settings

An overview of the experience of long-term care settings was provided by the following testifiers:

Nicole Mattson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Care Providers of Minnesota
Erin Hilligan, Vice President of Operations, Ebenezer
Sara Blair, Administrator, Sauer Health Care

Public Testimony

The following people provided public testimony either in person or remotely via Zoom:

Zahnia Harut, Care Providers of Minnesota
Austin Billie, Care Providers of Minnesota
Kari Thurlow, Senior Vice President of Advocacy, LeadingAge MN
Veronica Funubo, LPN, Villa at Osseo, UFCW Local 663
Joann Snyder, Nursing Home Cook, SEIU Healthcare MN
Amanda Gruber, Pathways Household Coordinator, Three Links

Working Group Discussion and Next Steps

Members discussed the definitions needed and methods for the program implementation. Members shared their suggestions for the schedule for upcoming meetings. Rep. Winkler said the meeting on August 5 would include an overview from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.