

**Legislative Work Group Meeting
Meeting Notes
1:00 – 3:00 Nov. 25, 2014**

Members Present:

Kim Moody		Elaine Ecker		Lisa Sturtevant
Betsy Hopkins		Jeannie Coltart		
Rick Langley		Debbie Gilmer		

Others Present:

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to be Taken
HR 831	Kim passed out the Federal legislation – H.R. 831 – We discussed using this bill to help frame the bill Maine eventually drafts. We agreed that while the eventual goal is to eliminate the use of sub minimum wage in Maine, it would be helpful if the bill includes stages of what we would like to see happen over a couple of years (a phase out strategy) and to also include support and clarification for agencies and the individuals currently earning sub minimum wage to move off it and into minimum wage or better employment in the community.	Kim will e-mail a word document of the H.R. 831 to the legislative committee and the committee will use track changes to make their suggestions and word changes. These suggested changes should be sent to Kim before our next meeting.
Discussion with the Governor's office	Conversations are occurring with DHHS and the Governor's office to educate them and hopefully gain their eventual support in moving forward a bill that supports phasing out sub minimum wage. Hope to hear the outcome of those conversations within the next couple of weeks.	Lisa S will follow up on her end and inform the committee when she hears back about the outcomes of these conversations.
Position Papers	The suggestion was made that it might be helpful for organizations that are involved with the Coalition to draft position papers that outline their opinions about this subject. Specifically, we heard from consumer groups that they feel strongly that we should move forward with this work, and it would be helpful for them to put this support in writing.	Will make this suggestion at the next coalition meeting.

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Next Meeting	Is on December 12th – at that time we will take a look at the language people have drafted and agree on a draft bill that would then be shared with the rest of the coalition.	