



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 20, 2025, 4:01 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 20, 2025, 4:01 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Amos, Anders, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Hall, Hamilton, Heckert, Hite, Jeffries, Lewis, Masters, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Pushkin, Pinson, Rohrbach, Smith, Stephens, Vance, Willis, Worrell

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Hite, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Reports received from Subcommittees:

Human Services: Com Sub for HB 2033 and HB 2376

Health Care Regulation: HB 2174

Vice Chair Hite moved to Com Sub for 2354 - Banning certain products from food in West Virginia. Chair Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 2354. Chair Worrell called for questions of counsel. Chair Worrell called for amendments. There being no amendments, Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for 2354, to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation it do pass. Division was call and with a vote of 18 for and 5 against. Motion carried.

Committee Hearing:

Vice Chair Hite called on counsel to explain Com Sum for HB 2007 - Repeal Certificate of Need Process. Speakers were heard as follows:

Speakers:

Dr. Arvin Sighn, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Health

Dan Breece, DO, CPE, FACEP, VP of Physician Services & Chief Medical Officer, Memorial Health System

Jody Bullman, MSN, RN, President of Sistersville General Hospital, VP, Memorial Health System

Heather Straight, DO, Physician Executive of Primary Care, Memorial Health System

Candace Miller, Ceo, WVU Medicine Jackson General Hospital

David Goldberg, President & CEO, Mon Health, and Executive VP, Vandalia Health

Chris Jones, VP Health Care Policy, The Cicero Institute

McKenzie Richards, Healthcare Policy Fellow, The Cicero Institute

Melanie Hall, President of the West Virginia Hospice Council

Alasdair Whitney, Legislative Counsel, Institute for Justice

Jessica Dobrinsky, Chief of Staff, Cardinal Institute

Jake Mezza, VP, Post Acute & Community Services, Valley Health

Carmen Clipper, VP, Planning and Growth, Valley Health

All speakers answered questions of the committee.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

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Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

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Martha White

Administrator/Clerk