



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for January 29, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on January 29, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

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

Members absent: Delegates Dean, Miller, Smith.

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.

Committee Hearing:

**HB 4375** - To require the Bureau for Social Services to file its Social Services Manual as a legislative rule (**Burkhammer**)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Burkhammer to explain HB 4375. Delegate Burkhammer answered a few questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4375 to markup.

**HB 4599** - Relating to the WV Cares background check variance process (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD) (**Burkhammer**)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Burkhammer to explain HB 4599. Delegate Burkhammer answered a few questions of the committee. By leave of committee Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Jessica Whitmore. Ms. Whitmore answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Brandi Farmer, COMAT, Director, Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center. Ms. Farmer answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4599 to markup.

**HB 4767** - Relating to requiring the Bureau of Medical Service to file a legislative rule (**Hite**)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Hite to explain HB 4767. Delegate Hite explained HB 4767 and answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4767 to markup.

**HB 4853** - Relating to hospitals establishing protocols for providing trauma informed care to patients (**Worrell**)

Vice Chairman Hite recognized Delegate Worrell to explain HB 4853. Delegate Worrell answered a few questions of the committee. By leave of committee Vice Chairman Hite recognized and swore in Sarah Loughry. Ms. Loughry answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4853 to markup.

**HB 4810** - Relating to dental health care service plans (2<sup>nd</sup> REF FIN) (**Clark**)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Clark to explain HB 4810. Delegate Clark answered a few questions of the committee. By leave of committee Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in JoyLynn Fix, Office of the Insurance Commissioner. Ms. Fix answered questions of the committee Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Hallie Mason, representing the WV Dental Association. Ms. Mason answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4810 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned. (6:09 PM)

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Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

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Martha White

Administrator