



## West Virginia House of Delegates

### Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

#### Minutes for February 18, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 18, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

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

Members absent: Delegates Anders, Dean, Vance, Willis.

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.

#### **HB 5582** - Extending program for drug screening of applicants for TANF (**Chiarelli**)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Chiarelli to explain HB 5582. Delegate Chiarelli answered questions of the committee. Delegate Pushkin asked for the Agency for questions, there was no one present. Chairman Worrell advance HB 5582.

**HB 4359** - Exempt an existing hospital under certificate of need to move their facility up to 10 miles to a new location (**Burkhammer**)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Burkhammer to explain HB 4359. Delegate Burkhammer answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Jim Kaufman, CEO/ President, Hospital Association. Mr. Kaufman has previously been sworn in. Mr. Kaufman answered multiple questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advance HB 5582.

**HB 4984** - relating to narrowing the scope of prior authorization mandates for FDA approved antipsychotics (**Worrell**)

Vice Chairman Hite recognized Delegate Worrell to explain HB 4984. Delegate Worrell answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Dr. April Baisden, Family Care Clinical Psychiatrist. Dr. Baisden answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advance HB 4984

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned. (5:15 PM)

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Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

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Martha White

Administrator