



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 25, 2026, 5:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 25, 2026, 5:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Worrell, Hite, Pushkin, Hamilton, Amos, Anders, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Hall, Heckert, Jeffries, Lewis, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Stephens, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Burkhammer, Pinson, Rohrbach, Smith, Vance, Watt.

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 5466 - Relating to Abuse Prevention Program

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 5466. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5466 and stated there is a Committee Substitute at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5466. Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 5466. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were no questions. Chairman Worrell called for amendment. There were no amendments. Delegate Pushkin asked for unanimous consent to return to questions of counsel. Consent granted, Delegate Pushkin asked a question of counsel. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of the Com Sub for HB 5466. Chairman Worrell called for discussion. There was none. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5466 be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

Committee Hearing

SB 645 - Prohibiting surprise billing of ground emergency medical services by nonparticipating providers (Deeds)

Chairman Worrell recognized Senator Deeds to explain SB 645. Senator Deeds answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell Advanced SB 645 to markup.

HB 5004 - Relating generally to coverage of PANS and PANDAS. (Masters)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Masters to explain HB 5004. Delegate Masters answered questions of the committee. By leave of committee Delegate Stevens asked for Diana Panucci to come to the podium. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Diana Panucci. Ms.

Panucci spoke about her son that has been diagnosed with Pans and Panda and her family's experience. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5004 to markup.

HB 5327 - West Virginia ALS Care Services Act (Young)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Young to explain HB 5327. Delegate Young also, read a statement from her constituent that prompted HB 5327 that is living with ALS. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Levi Bragg. Mr. Bragg testified about living with ALS. Mr. Bragg answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Lindsey Jack, ALS Association. Ms. Jack answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Dr. Jared Hollinger, Marshall Health ALS Clinic. Dr. Hollinger spoke about the Marshall Clinic and the process ALS patients, he and the team of doctor's experience in a visit. Dr. Hollinger answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5327 to markup.

HB 5563 - To create the West Virginia Timely Transplant Referral and Veteran Care Coordination Act (Holstein)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Holstein to explain HB 5563. Delegate Holstein explained HB 5563 and answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Rachel Hossain. Ms. Hossain answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5563 to markup.

HB 4772 - To ensure the integrity of West Virginia's Medicaid program by requiring regular verification of enrollee status and prompt removal of deceased individuals from active Medicaid rolls (Chiarelli)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Chiarelli to explain HB 4772. Delegate Chiarelli answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4772 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

Evan Worrell
Committee Chair

Martha White
Administrator