

State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



CVH WHITING TASK FORCE

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 8, 2019

12:00 PM in Room 1B of the LOB

Revised Agenda

- I. Convene Meeting
- II. Remarks by the Chairs
- III. Discussion on allowing appointed members to designate a person to participate in a meeting on behalf of the appointed member
- IV. Discussion of Tour of Whiting Forensic Hospital: Impressions, Observations, Recommendations.
- V. Review of Statuary Charges to the Task Force: Discussion, Strategies, Timeline.
Charges to the Task Force:
 - 1) Review and evaluate the operations, conditions, culture and finances of Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital
 - (2) Evaluate the feasibility of creating an independent, stand-alone office of inspector general that shall be responsible for providing ongoing, independent oversight of Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital, including, but not limited to, receiving and investigating complaints concerning employees of Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital
 - (3) Examine complaints and any other reports of discriminatory employment practices at said hospitals, except any information or documentation not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes or any other federal or state confidentiality law
 - (4) Assess the implications of a patient of Whiting Forensic Hospital being permitted to be present during a search of his or her possessions

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- (5) Evaluate the membership of the advisory board for Whiting Forensic Hospital established pursuant to section 17a-565 of the general statutes, as amended by this act

These are the current members:

Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,

- *three physicians licensed to practice in this state, two of whom shall be psychiatrists,*
- *two attorneys of this state, at least one of whom shall be in active practice and have at least five years' experience in the trial of criminal cases,*
- *one licensed psychologist with experience in clinical psychology,*
- *one licensed clinical social worker, and*
- *one person actively engaged in business who shall have at least ten years' experience in business management*

- (6) Examine the role of the Psychiatric Security Review Board established pursuant to section 17a-581 of the general statutes,

- (7) Evaluate the need to conduct a confidential survey regarding the employee work environment at Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital, including, but not limited to, worker morale, management and any incidences of bullying, intimidation or retribution, and

- (8) Review the statutory definitions of abuse and neglect in the behavioral health context.

VI. Meeting Schedule

VII. Adjournment