

State of Connecticut  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



CVH WHITING TASK FORCE

Meeting Summary

September 8, 2020 at 12:30 PM

Zoom Videoconference

Co-chairwoman Linda Schwartz convened the meeting.

Ms. Schwartz asked task force members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

Members present included Ms. Schwartz, Mike Lawlor, John Rodis, Shaun Mastroianni, Nancy Alisberg, Paul Acker, Kimberly Beuregard and Lori Hauser. Staff present included Bev Henry and Val Mehmeti. Invited guest speakers included Tina Mohr and Susan Skehan from the Office of Legislative Management (OLM), and Sarah Wakai from the University of Connecticut Health.

Ms. Mohr, Ms. Skehan and Ms. Wakai were invited to the meeting to speak on the CVH and WFH staff survey.

Ms. Mohr explained that UConn Health and OLM have an established relationship. She added that the process of facilitating a contract with them so that Ms. Wakai could prepare a staff survey is not complex and will not be delayed.

Ms. Wakai elaborated on the importance of questions that would be included in the staff survey. Decisions must be made on details such as demographics, job classification and whether they are registered nurses, psychologists or other and employee classification and whether they are contracted, full time or part time. The task force must also get support from DMHAS for employees to be able to complete the survey during work hours.

The task force also discussed the possibility of a patient survey. The patient survey would serve as an additional or sole avenue the patients could take to the upcoming virtual patient informational forums scheduled on September 22, 2020 and October 6, 2020. Members agreed that this survey may be more complicated and may require bilingual translators, possibly utilizing medical students to hand out and collect the surveys, and what questions the task force can ask of them.

The task force scheduled three regular task force meetings on September 22, October 6 and October 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM, and two patient informational forums on September 22 and October 6, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

A virtual informational forum for the public was also scheduled and will take place on October 20, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Topics of discussion for the public forum will be placed on the September 22, 2020 meeting agenda.