

State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



CVH WHITING TASK FORCE

Meeting Summary

September 22, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Zoom Videoconference

Co-chairman Mike Lawlor convened the meeting.

Mr. Lawlor explained to the task force that the cancellation of the CVH and WFH patient forums scheduled for today were cancelled because task force staff did not have enough guidance from the members to facilitate the meeting. He added that staff needs clear and concise directions from members for the forums to be properly advertised.

Mr. Lawlor read a letter from Tina Mohr from the Office of Legislative Management regarding the patient survey. Ms. Mohr wrote that a contract with UConn Health to administer the patient survey requires a project owner. She noted that the project owner cannot have any affiliation with CVH or WFH, Yale, or UConn. As such, she suggested that Mr. Lawlor be appointed as project owner.

Ms. Alisberg made a motion to appoint Mr. Lawlor as project owner.

Mr. Acker seconded the motion.

Mr. Lawlor abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lawlor stated that he would inform task force members of any qualitative details regarding the survey prior to approval. He would only approve payments and tasks of quantitative nature without first notifying members.

The task force discussed at length the details regarding the patient forum. The forum will explore topics according to the task force mission which states that they "review and evaluate the operations, conditions, culture and finances of the Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital."

The patient forum will be available for public viewing depending on the availability of the Connecticut Network. The patients may speak regarding the questions below:

1. How would you describe the conditions at WFH/CVH?
2. How would you describe the culture at WFH/CVH? Is it one in which people are treated fairly without any discrimination?
3. Do you feel that the staff at WFH/CVH treat you with dignity and respect?
4. Do you feel safe and comfortable at WFH/CVH?
5. Have you ever felt as though you were the victim of neglect or abuse (physical, verbal, psychological, exploitation, etc.) at WFH/CVH?
6. Do you feel as though the staff at WFH/CVH listen to you and provide appropriate care specific to your needs? Do you feel you have input into your treatment?
7. How do you perceive the role of PSRB as it relates to your care and treatment at WFH?

The next patient forums will take place on October 6, 2020 and October 13, 2020 from 10:00-11:00am.

An informational hearing for the public will take place on October 20, 2020 from 12:00-8:00pm.