

STAUNTON AREA LHRC
WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL
103 Valley Center Drive, Staunton, VA 24401

Approved Minutes

April 2, 2026

10:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abby Shirkey - Chairperson

Kim Nine – Member

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT

Melissa Thornton – Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Riley Curran - Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS OHR

Ryan Hughes – Pt Care Investigator, WSH

Jennifer Dolan, BS, QDDP – Program Manager, Walls Residence

Michelle Macklin – Next Friend of Individual

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Abby Shirkey at 10:35 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The amended agenda was submitted and a motion to approve was made by Kim Nine seconded by Melissa Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were motioned to be approved was made by Kim Nine seconded by Melissa Thornton.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

Riley Curran provided the advocate report to include facility data regarding quarterly ANE and Complaint Statistics, summary of current Variances, local updates, and upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS

- Walls Residence Next Friend Appointment

OLD BUSINESS

- WSH Quarterly Variance Update

OPEN SESSION

- Abby Shirkey motioned that the Consent and Appointment of AR at Walls Residence was done in accordance with the Human Rights Regulations. Seconded by Kim Nine. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- The Staunton Area LHRC accepted WSH's quarterly variance update.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned by Abby Shirkey at 10:51am. The next meeting date is July 2, 2026, at 10:30 AM located at Western State Hospital.