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PAIMI Advisory Council Minutes

	07/24/2021 / 10:30 AM
Attendance	
Councilmembers	Tina S, Staci Y, Kaea M, Caroline G, Brandon C, Weston A
Present	
Councilmembers	Pam D, Steve H, Heidi C
Absent	
dLCV Staff Present	Nicole, Becka, Valerie, Clyde, Ren, and Sarah
Public Guests	Harry G, Michael T, David G, Greg M

Call to Order

Public Comment - No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 24, 2021 were **approved**. Edits to Minutes: N/A

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Individual Advocacy Updates		
Caroline:	Overflow of state hospitals, concerns of staffing	
Staci	Doing aggressive recruitment on college campuses for individuals to work at state hospitals, current staff at state hospitals are overwhelmed	
Brandon	Wanting older adults to have access to physical therapy	
Greg	The issue is not staffing, but the issue is more honors units (less staff to work the unit)	
Weston	,	
	Transportation shortage for people in rural areas of VA, lack of psychiatrists in the rural areas of VA	

Agenda Items	
Board Updates	 -board meets next Friday -will be discussing bylaws -looking to buy a new building -board has been pushing for outreach especially in the Latinx community -in membership and people dLCV serves
Litigation Report	Clyde reviewed updates on litigation in Virginia
LHRC/OHR Updates	OHR Updates -got a new director of 12/2020 -changed in organizational structure

	-separate institutional work from field work
	-restructured to have 2 individuals that oversee all the institutional
	advocates
	-they have mentored some advocates
	-commissioner is getting staff to discharge patients who are clinically
	stable, keeping them in the hospitals violates their human rights
	LHRC Updates
	-focusing on Western State with their issue of seclusion and restraint
Objectives	-Will be scheduling times for the council to meet to get objectives in before August 23
	-council members will be reviewing objectives and feedback from
	dLCV to have contributions to their objectives
Adjourned	

Motion to adjourn made at **2:13pm** and passed unanimously.