



## **Suffolk County Heroin and Opiate Epidemic Advisory Panel**

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**Public Hearing Date:** September 23, 2020

**Location:** Via ZOOM

**Next Public Hearing:** October 22, 2020

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### **Members in Attendance:**

Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker  
Suffolk County Legislator Sam Gonzalez  
Suffolk County Legislator Tom Donnelly  
Suffolk County Health Department Commissioner Gregson Pigott  
Ann Marie Csorny, Suffolk County Division of Mental Health and Hygiene  
Dr. Michael Caplan, Medical Examiner  
Andrea Neubauer, Director Suffolk County Probation  
David Cohen, Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital  
Patrick Policastro, North Shore Youth Council  
Jeff Reynolds, Family and Children Services  
Julie Lutz, Suffolk County Superintendent's Association  
Mary Silberstein, Suffolk County Communities of Solution/CN Guidance  
Kristie Golden, Stony Brook University Hospital  
Richard Rosenthal, Stony Brook University Hospital  
Janine Logan, Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council  
Steve Chassman, LICADD  
Robert McConville, Selden Fire Department  
Anthony Rizzuto, FIST  
Pat Ferrendino, Quality Consortium & Family Service League of SC  
Janine Logan, Nassau/Suffolk Hospital Council  
Pamela Mizzi, Long Island Prevention Resource Center  
Antonette Whyte-Etere, OASAS, LI regional Office  
Veronica Carrier, Resident  
Inspector Stan Grodski, Representative for Commissioner Geraldine Hart's Office  
Colleen McKenna, Representative for SC Sheriff Errol Toulon's Office  
Kerri Ann Souto, Representative for District Attorney Tim Sini's Office  
Stephanie Ruales, North Shore Youth Council

### **I. Pledge**

### **II. Moment of Silence**

### **III. Introduction of Panel Members**

#### **IV. Opening Remarks and Overview of Public Hearing Format**

Legislator Anker thanked panel members for attending and present members of the public for their participation in the public hearing. The Heroin and Opiate Epidemic Advisory Panel is required by legislation to hold two public hearings in the year to allow for open communication between concerned residents and the panel members. Speakers were asked to register to receive the ZOOM link for the meeting.

#### **V. Public Comment**

##### **Margaret Brophy, Westhampton Beach, New York**

Margaret Brophy addressed the need for pain management education. She commented that pain management patients are unable to get properly managed medications. She also discussed the way that opioid overdose deaths are reported in the County.

##### **Stephanie Hunter, Riverhead, New York**

Stephanie Hunter addressed the need for chronic pain management education and a change in the way that pain medications are prescribed.

##### **Karen L. Pike, Medford, New York**

Karen pike spoke about Donovan's Humanity Law. The potential new law would hold those individuals accountable who fail to call 911 during an overdose. It would also hold individuals criminally responsible if they neglect to help or commit further crimes against an individual during an overdose. She asked for support for Donovan's Humanity Law.

#### **VI. Closing Remarks**

Legislator Anker thanked all of the panel members, speakers, and hearing attendees for attending and participating in the discussion. A second public hearing will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> via ZOOM at 5:30pm.

#### **VII. Public Hearing is Adjourned**