

Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams-Johnson

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1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Others in Attendance: HEALTH: Dr. Sherlita Amler (remote); DCMH: Commissioner Michael Orth, Trevor Payne and Deputy Commissioner Joseph Glazer; BOL: Legislator Damon Maher, Legislator Catherine Parker and Dayana Gómez

Present: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi and
Committee Vice-Chair Pierce

Absent: Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, January 10, 2023 1:00pm

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Plans for the opioids settlement funds

Guest:

Commissioner Michael Orth and Trevor Payne, Director SUD Services,
Department of Community Mental Health

Chair Williams Johnson invited the guests to introduce themselves and began the discussion for the day. Dr. Amler provided an overview on what the Department of Health is doing, such as NARCAN trainings and suggestions on how to make it available to the community at large. She also mentioned that in the State of New York if a person has health insurance they are covered at any pharmacy and it is safe for anyone to use, if or when needed. Dr. Amler also explained how to administer NARCAN and the types of the professionals that they have trained, in response to questions from the committee members. Commissioner Orth followed

with a detailed presentation on what the Department of Community Mental Health plans on doing with the settlement funds. His presentation included data from the Westchester Medical Examiner's office on opioid related deaths, some of the pharmacies included in the settlement and the New York State guidelines for this funding among other details. One of the initiatives mentioned was the Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative (ORI) which is made up of personnel from the Departments of Community Mental Health, Health, Public Safety, Social Services, District Attorney's Office, Medical Examiner's Office and the Youth Bureau, in addition to other key stakeholders. An explanation on the Co-Occurring System of Care was provided as well and finally some of the plan's highlights were emphasized.

Chair Williams Johnson proceeded with final meeting details and concluded afterwards.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 2:37pm.