

Health Sub-Committee

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



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Sub-Committee Chair:
Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

3:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Dr. Sherlita Amler (remote), Michael Orth, Beatriz Coronel (remote), Barbara Bernstein (remote), Laura Mitchell (remote), Senko Imamura (remote), Erika Rexhouse (remote), William Mullane (remote), Brian Gens (remote), Maggie O'Donovan (remote), Teresa Hsu (remote), Irwin Lubell (remote), Judi Tota (remote), Marie Considine (remote), Andi Villaboy (remote), Brian Halloran (remote), Janet Heneghan (remote) and Cathie Bookless (remote); BOL: Legislator Erika Pierce (remote), Legislator Shanae Williams (remote) and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

This was approved

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Suicide prevention efforts

Guests: Department of Community Mental Health

Commissioner Michael Orth

Annette Peters-Ruvolo, Co-Chair of the Suicide Prevention Coalition

Pat White, Faith-Based Mental Health Advocate

The Suicide Awareness & Prevention Coalition is a county-wide effort to coordinate suicide awareness, prevention and training strategies by including a diverse group of stakeholders from County departments. The work towards decreasing stigmas, implementing support and programs to continue raise awareness on suicide prevention. To address the varying branches around the topic of suicide, they created the following subcommittees: Data and Action, Faith-Based Behavioral Health Collaborative, Veterans Subcommittee, Schools, College Behavioral Health Collaborative, Training and Public Awareness Efforts and Special Forums

and Populations. The Westchester Suicide Prevention Task Force is in the process of creating a formal website for the public's accessibility. Commissioner Orth also highlighted that people can contact the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988 anytime.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 4:19pm.

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