

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Chairwoman Scuccimarra, Legislators Gouldman & Sayegh

Wednesday

6:30PM

April 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Chairwoman Scuccimarra who requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Gouldman, Sayegh, and Chairwoman Scuccimarra were present.

Item #3 - Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2018 & March 12, 2018

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Discussion/Polystyrene Foam/American Chemistry Council

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Mike Levy, Director of The Plastics Foodservice Packaging Group (PFPG), stated his group is an association of companies that make plastic food service products. He stated there is a Genpak plant nearby. He stated polystyrene has some benefits beyond the low cost and insulation value, including environmental benefits. He stated many municipalities are taking steps to increase recycling and he is working with them to be part of the solution. He stated the polystyrene foam containers have become popular due to their unique insulation properties because they are 98% air. He stated there is a lot of misinformation and that a lot of people believe since it is made of plastic, it is unsafe. He stated the FDA (Food & Drug Administration) regulates any kind of food service packaging. He stated the finished product has very little of the chemical styrene in it. He noted that styrene is a naturally occurring chemical in fruits and beer. He stated the amount of styrene that comes from a cup is nine (9) micrograms per gram, per day. He stated the acceptable level is 90,000. He stated there is more styrene in beer, cinnamon, and strawberries than there is in a foam cup. He stated recycling is very important and some areas are adding it to their recycling programs, such as Yonkers. He stated it is recycled the same way other plastics are. He stated they encourage adding polystyrene to the recycling program. He stated polystyrene is recycled into office and building products. He stated because it is made of 98% air it is cheap, as much as two (2) to three (3) times as much as alternatives such as other plastics or compostable paper. He stated they have partnered with municipalities to fight littering and have found that education works well. He spoke more about how they combat littering. He stated he would hope that while Putnam County is looking at regulating polystyrene, he hopes the County would consider working with them.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra noted that the American Chemistry Council is here because the County is considering legislation to ban polystyrene foam take out containers and cups from

chain restaurants. She stated she has called all garbage carriers in the county and none of them recycle polystyrene; it goes into the garbage. She noted there are many garbage carriers in Putnam County so trying to coordinate one stream of polystyrene recycling would most likely not work.

Mr. Levy stated there is an organization they work with that offers grants to help recycle polystyrene.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast resident, questioned what the PFPG does as far as helping to fund cleanups or what is done for behavioral changes.

Mr. Levy stated a lot of their companies do cleanup events locally. He stated for example they will volunteer to educate on littering. He stated on designated cleanup days they will donate materials or time and labor. He stated on the behavior side, sometimes they pay the affiliate fee for municipalities to be part of the "Keep America Beautiful Program".

Ms. Eckardt stated if there could be more of a demonstration on the recycling done for polystyrene, people would be more impressed.

Lester LaBell, Genpak representative, stated he had a letter from Genpak President Kevin Kelly.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Mr. LaBell stated Genpak is a converter of polystyrene resin used in food service packaging. He stated he wants to reassure people that polystyrene is safe to use in food service packaging. He stated a ban would have an impact on the industry. He stated large companies are already moving away from using the polystyrene foam. He noted that polystyrene can be made into a solid clear sheet as well. He stated some municipalities have banned all types of polystyrene, not just the foam.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated she does not believe the County has a problem with the polystyrene sheets because they are reusable. She stated the problem is with the foam because it breaks up and is difficult to clean up. She questioned why there are not more of the sheets being made instead of the foam.

Mr. LaBell stated they are and continue to make alternatives to the foam. He stated polystyrene foam products are as safe as they have ever been. He noted there is no waste from the process of creating polystyrene foam containers. He noted that Genpak is the smallest of the three (3) main companies that make polystyrene foam containers. He stated Dart Container Corporation has been a strong leader for the industry.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated she spoke with a Dart representative yesterday. She stated the Legislature will go over the provided materials and will continue this discussion in the future. She thanked the representatives for their presentations.

Item #5 - Discussion/Anti-Bullying Campaign/CoveCare Center VP of Behavioral Health Services Liza Szpylka

Liza Szpylka, CoveCare Center Vice President of Behavioral Health Services, noted she had some national statistics on bullying. She stated about 1/5 students report being bullied in some way, 13% of those who reported were made fun of, called names, or insulted, 12% were subject to rumors, 5% were pushed, shoved, spit on, or tripped, and 5% were excluded from activities on purpose. She stated a slightly higher percentage of females report being bullied but a higher percentage of males report physical bullying. She stated she does not have statistics for Putnam County specifically. She stated CoveCare Center is in three (3) school districts; Haldane, Mahopac, and Putnam Valley. She stated those three (3) schools are very progressive in looking into anti-bullying. She stated the staff in the school districts recognize that there is some social media cyberbullying going on, but they do not often see physical aspects of bullying, though that is not to say it is not happening. She stated any initiative should look at the school districts as a good place to start. She stated a study showed that school based bullying prevention programs reduce bullying by 25%, which is significant. She stated another statistic is that more than half of the bullying situations stop when a peer intervenes on behalf of the student being bullied so it is key to get the other students involved. She noted that there is also adult bullying. She stated about 30% of adults are being bullied in the workplace and the bullying tends to be more verbal. She stated if there was to be a county-wide initiative it should not just target kids. She stated there should be education for adults as well.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra questioned what Ms. Szpylka meant by saying CoveCare is in the school districts.

Ms. Szpylka stated they have a number of different programs in various schools. She stated through the OASAS (Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services) funds there are prevention educators who do a curriculum based program called "Too Good for Violence". She stated it is part of the health curriculum which is already large, so it is hard to find time for it. She stated there is a Student Support Specialist in Putnam Valley High School, who is someone that the kids can go to that is not school personnel. She noted school personnel are more obligated to report certain information to kids' families. She stated the Student Support Specialist will report things to the parents if needed, but it does not have to be done that way. She stated Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES is implementing an anti-bullying app and Putnam Valley is the first school that has instituted it. She stated it is called "Anonymous Alerts". She noted that Putnam Valley is a very progressive school district. She noted a lot of schools are initiating their own educational forums.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the national statistics remained the same over the years or have they gotten worse.

Ms. Szpylka stated one study she saw was from 2006 and was at 28% and it is now at 20% so it seems to have decreased, but she believes social media will potentially bring that number up because bullying is not just happening in the schools.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what cyberbullying is.

Ms. Szpylka stated it is bullying that happens over social media, for example a group of kids targeting someone on Facebook and barraging them with criticisms.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated this could lead to other problems as well, such as drug abuse.

Ms. Szpylka stated they are a community based services program and over 50% of the referrals are school avoidant kids.

Legislator Addonizio stated this is very important and is looking to start an anti-bullying campaign. She stated there is a correlation between bullying and self-esteem and depression. She stated she agrees with Chairwoman Scuccimarra's point that there could be a correlation with bullying and drug or alcohol abuse. She stated she wants to integrate a way to build up self-esteem and stop bullying before it starts.

Legislator Nacerino stated she works for Brewster High School and they are progressive with anti-bullying campaigns. She stated the SROs (School Resource Officers) are instrumental in helping with the programs. She stated cyberbullying is a problem because it is 24/7, whereas in the past it took place on the bus or somewhere specific and kids could get away from it.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra questioned if Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Joseph DeMarzo included bullying in the surveys in schools.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated no, it pertains to only alcohol and drug abuse due to financial restrictions. He noted the national statistics provided by Ms. Szpylka are generally what the statistics would be locally.

Legislator Gouldman clarified that the OASAS funding mentioned by Ms. Szpylka are from the State. He requested clarification on adult bullying in the workplace.

Ms. Szpylka stated it is not dissimilar to bullying between kids. She stated it is about having power over someone.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there are any adult studies regarding bullying.

Ms. Szpylka stated most of the studies have focused on children. She stated it has lifelong implications for children. She stated there is a good chance that if someone is a bully as an adult, they have had experience with bullying as a child. She noted middle schoolers and teens are the most stressed group of Americans, replacing adults, because of bullying, peer pressure, and social media.

Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza stated the bullying issue is a major part of suicide prevention. He stated he is on a Task Force with Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES for suicide prevention and they are looking at programming that can take place in schools to mitigate against bullying and as suicide prevention. He stated as Ms. Szpylka mentioned, there is a focus to have peers intervene to stop bullying.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra thanked Ms. Szpylka for the information and stated this discussion will continue.

Item #6 - Discussion/Raising Awareness on Organ Donation

a. PowerPoint Presentation/Donate Life/LiveOnNY Senior Manager of Community Engagement Scott Wohl

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

LiveOnNY Senior Manager of Community Engagement Scott Wohl gave the attached PowerPoint presentation. He stated Donate Life manages the organ donor registry on behalf of New York State. He stated LiveOnNY is an organ procurement organization, who facilitates the transplantation to those in need. He stated they are in 12 counties and the 5 boroughs in New York and amounts to about 18 million people. He stated there are about 200 employees including doctors, nurses, surgeons, and social workers. He stated a large component of their work is working with donor families after the donation to help through the grieving process. He stated they work with approximately 100 hospitals and 10 transplant centers. He stated part of what they do is educating the community, encourage organ donation, and dispel some myths and misnomers that are out there. He stated there is also tissue donation including corneas, bone and tendons. He stated those provide comfort and improve quality of life. He stated one (1) donor can save up to eight (8) lives through organ transplantation and improve the lives of 50 through tissue transplantation. He stated there are 115,000 people on the national waitlist. He stated 9,000 of them are in New York which is about 8%. He stated 32% of New York residents are registered as organ donors, which is lowest out of all 50 states. He stated the national average is 56%.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the New York numbers have gone up over the past few years.

Mr. Wohl stated the number of enrolled organ donors in New York has doubled since 2012.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what the percentage was last year.

Mr. Wohl stated last year it was about 28%. He stated New York has the fourth fastest growing registry in the country due to different outreach methods. He stated the largest enrollment driver in the State is through the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles). He stated there are multiple other ways to register. He stated New York is the only state that allows you to become an organ donor when you register to vote. He stated an online registry began in October 2017. He stated they look to educate nursing staff about organ transplantation. He spoke about some misconceptions regarding organ donations. He noted that almost all religions in the world support organ donation. He stated last year there was a 96 year old that donated her liver. He stated a full review of medical records is done by the recipients before accepting transplantation. He stated there is no determination for how people get their donation other than need, proximity, blood type, and body mass.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra questioned why body mass is used as a determination.

Mr. Wohl stated for example they would try not to transplant an organ from a 300 pound man to a 14 year old girl. He stated they try to match it as similar as possible, like with age. He stated he had more local statistics that he was able to pull this morning.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Mr. Wohl stated within the LiveOnNY service area, Putnam County is one of the leaders in enrollment at 41%.

Legislator Gouldman stated New York City has a very low enrollment rate.

Mr. Wohl stated it is the reason New York State has such low percentage for overall enrollment rate. He stated as of the first quarter of 2018, there were 13 high priority cases in Putnam County which means it is lifesaving. He stated Putnam County has helped with outreach including County Executive MaryEllen Odell and County Clerk Michael Bartolotti.

b. County Clerk Michael Bartolotti

County Clerk Michael Bartolotti stated getting the word out on education and awareness is key. He stated when he started as County Clerk in 2015, there were not a lot of initiatives to get people to sign up for organ donation. He stated NYAD (New York Alliance for Donation) works with the New York State DMV and they promote April as National Donate Life Month. He stated the County tries to have an event and promote registering. He stated in 2015 the registration rate in Putnam County was at 32% and now it is at 41%. He stated he believes the education programs and promotions have made a difference. He noted County Executive Odell has been great with helping promotion. He stated there are a lot of myths and a stigma with becoming an organ donor. He suggested everyone talk to organ recipients and survivors. He stated that is what made him become an organ donor. He noted there was an enrollment day in October 2017 and the County Executive gave the employees extra time to go and register. He stated at almost every Naturalization Ceremony the County has had an organ recipient as the keynote speaker. He stated with RealID coming into play, more and more people are going to be going into DMV, which is an opportunity to have more people register as organ donors. He stated he is proud that the Putnam County rate has risen so much.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if the low rate for New York State has a correlation with driver license renewals because New York has a long renewal cycle.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated he does not know for sure, but he knows that the opportunity is there when people are renewing their license.

Legislator Sayegh stated she grew up in Nebraska and registering is something people look forward to.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated there is more awareness about it now.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated he believes education and awareness are the best tools to get the word out.

Matt Froman, resident, stated he is not an organ donor due to the belief that if you register your body could be used for research.

Mr. Wohl stated full body donation is a very different process, facilitated by a different organization.

Legislator Castellano stated he registered due to hearing from Lauren Shields who spoke to the Legislature.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated she has also spoken at a Naturalization Ceremony.

Mr. Wohl stated there is legislation called Lauren's Law that mandates answering the organ donation question on the driver's license application.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra thanked Mr. Wohl and County Clerk Bartolotti for their presentations.

Item #7 - Discussion/Update on Blue-Green Algae/Acting Commissioner of Health Michael Nesheiwat

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated this is an issue that is concerning a lot of citizens in Putnam County, as well as all of New York State.

Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, Acting Commissioner of Health, introduced Public Health Sanitarian Vincent Perrin to speak about Blue-Green Algae which is known as harmful algal blooms and is not unique to Putnam County. He stated over the last two (2) years there have been over 200 beach closure days due to the algae. He stated the Department of Health organized a seminar about a month ago to educate the public. He stated Governor Andrew Cuomo started a task force to address the issue and mainly 12 lakes in the state. He stated three (3) of them are in Putnam County; Lake Carmel, Palmer Lake, and Putnam Lake. He stated it is a big problem in Putnam County. He stated they do not have all the answers.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated they do not even know where it comes from.

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated they do not. He stated it is important to note that it is neurotoxic so people need to avoid it.

Public Health Sanitarian Vincent Perrin stated Putnam County has led the State in beach closure days for five (5) of the past six (6) years. He stated the County has great partnerships to help fight the blooms such as with the State DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) and State DOH (Department of Health). He stated they all share information regarding the harmful algal blooms. He stated there is a Citizen Lake Assessment Program, which is supported by the DEC. He stated there is only one (1) viable method for testing for the toxins in the water is

called the ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) Method and it is only done at a few places.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated nobody has figured out why the lakes are blooming like they are.

Public Health Sanitarian Perrin stated the State is finally putting forth the effort to figure that out. He stated agencies are now looking at how to stop the blooms from occurring instead of just looking at how to protect people from it.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated there are many dog fatalities because they lick their fur after being in the water. She stated lakes could still be contaminated if you see the bloom in one area but another area looks clear.

Public Health Sanitarian Perrin stated to a degree because the blooms are localized, so the toxins are only where there are blooms, but blooms can move. He stated water has to be clear for 24 hours before a beach reopens.

Legislator Addonizio noted that her district includes Lake Carmel and Palmer Lake. She stated she has gone to the informational summits but unfortunately there are no answers right now for the constituents who are concerned.

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated all constituents should be told to avoid the blooms. He stated there is algaecide but that would disrupt the normal ecosystem.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if aerating would help.

Public Health Sanitarian Perrin stated aerating worked poorly when it was attempted. He stated the algae grow in many difficult environments and it is the oldest species in existence.

Justin Gelband, resident, stated he wants to commend Putnam County as a whole. He stated he and his wife just moved to Tonetta Lake. He commended Legislator Castellano and Public Health Sanitarian Perrin for getting most of their questions answered.

Mr. Froman stated he also lives on Tonetta Lake. He stated about five (5) weeks ago a storm drain exit points into the lake became a massive algal bloom. He stated the storm drains all come from their street. He stated there are failed septic systems and he knows people have dumped oil. He stated he has spoken to many people in the community that were unaware that the storm drains go directly into the lake. He stated educating people is key and suggested a bi-yearly letter to residents in lake communities. He stated his community is considering sending out their own letter. He stated he has spoken to Southeast Highway Supervisor Michael Bruen about a stenciling program on all the storm drains.

Mr. Gelband stated it is all about raising awareness. He stated the lake already has the sour smell from the algal blooms.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman, stated John Lord is the new liaison for Tonetta Lake and he is interested in getting the Lake Tonetta Advisory Committee going again.

Mr. Froman stated it is time to revitalize that Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman Eckardt stated an area in Massachusetts put medallions on storm drains to tell people where the water is going.

Legislator Nacerino stated she represents the Town of Patterson and Putnam Lake has been dealing with this for a while. She stated in recent years they formed their own park district so the Town could help.

Public Health Sanitarian Perrin stated Putnam Lake is the preeminent success story in regards to Blue-Green Algae. He stated it was the first lake where the blooms were found. He stated there were a tremendous amount of closures during the first few years. He stated in the past four (4) years there has only been one (1) closure. He stated they have a great maintenance plan.

Legislator Nacerino stated she would provide the name of the head of the park district committee with Mr. Gelband and Mr. Froman.

Legislator Addonizio questioned what process is used at Putnam Lake that is so effective.

Public Health Sanitarian Perrin stated it is the same as the other lakes but there could be variables such as timing or how it was done. He stated it is also a deeper lake.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated maybe there will be another update in a month or so. She thanked Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat and Public Health Sanitarian Perrin for the information.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated she would move on to agenda item #12 before discussing agenda item #8.

Item #12 – One Army in the War on Addiction Task Force
b. Verbal Update/Chairwoman Scuccimarra

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the One Army in the War on Addiction Task Force (Task Force) met on March 23, 2018 and had a great meeting. She stated they decided on three (3) action plans moving forward. She stated the first is to have Putnam County be one of the first counties to ban dispensaries for marijuana because the Task Force believes this is problematic. She stated this would include medical marijuana as well as recreational. She stated the next action plan is to raise the legal age to buy tobacco products to 21 and this was prompted by the vaping problem in schools. She stated though there are a lot of online purchases, this would help locally. She stated the other action plan is for zoning ordinances for local towns to adopt to restrict vaping shops from opening up near schools, playgrounds, or other places that have a lot of children. She stated the Legislature cannot take action on this because of home rule. She stated she would like to draft a letter to each town with a sample ordinance that the towns could

adopt. She was very happy to get so much done with the Task Force. She stated their next meeting is April 25, 2018. She stated Coalition Coordinator at Communities that Care Bruce Kelly and Assistant District Attorney Breanne Smith are working on the various legislation. She stated she will have more to discuss next month.

Legislator Nacerino requested clarification on the potential dispensary legislation.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated it would mean there would be no dispensaries of marijuana in Putnam County. He stated people would have to go to surrounding counties or purchase it online. He stated what has happened in Colorado and Oregon is an increase in crime because the dispensaries cannot go through the banking system due to not being federally approved. He stated another issue that property values have gone down.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if that is an issue in Putnam County.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated no but we do not want it to be.

Legislator Nacerino stated so this is a proactive measure.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated that is correct. He noted that he disagrees with the fact that there is a Giggles store and vape shop surrounding the Reed Memorial Library. He stated this desensitizes children. He stated the amount of middle schoolers vaping is concerning.

Legislator Nacerino stated it is, and it is very hard to control and detect.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated another problem is they are putting THC and liquid marijuana in the vapes.

Legislator Addonizio stated it has no odor.

Legislator Nacerino stated as far as the dispensaries, they are a non-issue right now.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated yes, the county is looking to stop them from coming in.

Legislator Nacerino stated she agrees with all thee (3) initiatives Chairwoman Scuccimarra mentioned.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated Philipstown restricted Giggles stores.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what the age restriction for vaping is.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated he believes it is 18 but the problem is online purchases.

Legislator Gouldman questioned how changing the legal age from 18 to 21 combats this problem.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated it would restrict kids from being able to go into the vape shops.

Legislator Gouldman stated if middle schoolers are already getting into vaping and the legal age is 18, he questions if raising the age to 21 will have an impact.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated they believe it will and it would psychologically help parents as well.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if the zoning ordinances would pertain to just vapes or all vaping products. She questioned if current businesses would be pushed out. She stated she is against vaping and does not want her kids vaping, but adults can make up their own mind.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated these are all preliminary.

Legislator Sayegh stated she met with Communities that Care last week on these topics.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated there are a lot of intricacies to work through and these three (3) actions are what the Task Force decided to move forward with to make an impact.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated she does not want to proceed until she knows the Legislature agrees.

Legislator Nacerino stated in regards to the zoning, all the Legislature can do is encourage the local municipalities to adopt the ordinances. She stated she does not believe the County can restrict a gas station from selling a product.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated there was also a discussion is that gas stations could pay a fee through a registration process and that money would go towards prevention and community education.

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated he strongly agrees with the potential zoning ordinance because it removes the stimulus of children seeing the stores. He stated there will still be a significant amount of these items purchased online.

Legislator Nacerino stated the objective is to control what the County can control. She stated the County cannot control sales on the internet.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated getting the municipalities and school districts all involved is important, to be on the same page.

Legislator Nacerino stated she believes the school districts are on the same page but it is very difficult to catch the kids, but when they are caught, they are suspended.

Legislator Gouldman stated in addition to the health aspects, the business side has to be considered as well. He stated gas stations do not make money on the gasoline. He stated if you take a good portion of their business away, it can really hurt small businesses.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated education is key because she does not believe the people who run the gas stations realize the impact vaping is having on children today. She stated she supports small businesses but if they are selling something that is detrimental to the children in the community, that is not good.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated the Task Force did discuss the impact on businesses. He reiterated that the fee would go towards prevention.

Legislator Nacerino questioned how the fees would be allocated properly.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated he is unsure right now but he believes it would be similar to how license fees are done through Consumer Affairs.

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat noted how important prevention education is. He stated people need to be aware of the dangers.

Legislator Gouldman agreed with Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat.

Legislator Sayegh noted during her meeting with Communities that Care she spoke with teachers who had no idea it was such a problem. She stated teachers need to be educated.

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated kids see it as a status symbol.

a. Approval/Appointment/One Army in the War on Addiction Task Force/Russo

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to approve the Appointment of CoveCare Center CEO Diane Russo to the One Army in the War on Addiction Task Force; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #8 - Discussion/Vaping and Electronic Cigarettes

Chairwoman Scuccimarrra stated these are examples of what other local governments have done to combat the vaping problem.

a. Rockland County Local Law/Prohibiting the Sale of Tobacco in Pharmacies

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the County discussed this in the past but there was not enough support for it.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if large pharmacies are currently not selling tobacco products.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated she believes CVS is the only one that has chosen not to sell.

Legislator Gouldman stated that is the largest pharmacy in the area and this could hurt the smaller pharmacies.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo stated the County has discussed larger pharmacy chains with three (3) or more taking back medication. He stated this could be similar, so it does not affect the smaller pharmacies.

- b. Westchester County Proposed Local Law/Raising the Age to Purchase Tobacco and Tobacco Products to 21 – Duly Noted**
- c. City of New Rochelle Zoning Code/Retail stores primarily selling tobacco, vape and similar nicotine products shall not be located within 500 feet of the perimeter of any child daycare center, children’s institution, playground, school premises or youth center**

Legislator Gouldman questioned if a physical store was needed to apply for a tobacco license. He questioned if this would apply to a mobile shop in a vehicle.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated that would have to be looked into and addressed.

- d. City of Newburgh Local Law/Tobacco Retail License**

Legislator Nacerino stated she is unsure if she agrees with this legislation.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra agreed.

Legislator Nacerino stated it would not help the cause and would impose another fee on people trying to make a living.

Item #9 - Discussion/Plastic Bags/City of Yonkers Proposed Fee

Chairwoman Scuccimarra noted that Governor Cuomo is considering statewide measures.

Steven Rosario, resident, stated this is a very hot issue. He stated he is working on a RAP (Recycling Action Program) with the Connecticut DEP (Department of Environmental Protection). He stated New York has an involuntary plastic bag recycling law on the books that is not paid attention to. He stated most grocery stores accept plastic film recycling, which is where he brings his dry cleaning bags, newspaper wrappers and other plastic film. He questioned if plastic bags are banned, what can be done with the other plastic film.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the County Health Department had a campaign, called “Caught in the Act” to educate people on how to recycle plastic film.

Mr. Rosario stated it is his understanding that the New York DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) is considering replicating the programs in Connecticut and North Carolina.

Legislator Nacerino stated she understands the perils and impact of plastic bags but she believes education and awareness are keys. She stated she is not in favor of a fee. She stated she would like to see the retailers take on the cost if they change over to paper bags or reusable bags. She stated she does not want the average citizen taking on the cost. She showed an example of a ShopRite bag that says "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". She stated she does not think imposing a fee will deter people from using them. She stated it would be like the fee for plastic bottles.

Legislator Sullivan stated he is against a fee. He questioned how the County could get the word out to educate people.

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated press releases are what the Health Department has been doing.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how long the "Caught in the Act" program has been around.

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated since 2017. He stated the Health Department could do another press release.

Legislator Nacerino commended ShopRite for the message on their bags and she hopes other retailers would do the same.

Legislator Castellano agreed with Legislator Nacerino and Legislator Sullivan in being against a fee. He suggested writing a letter to the retailers to have the plastic bag recycling bins more visible. He stated he would be in favor of the retailers offered a discount to customers who use reusable bags.

Item #10 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 18A019/Department of Social Services/Conform to State Approved Safe Harbour Budget for the Calendar Year 2018

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there is a problem with human trafficking in Putnam County.

Commissioner Piazza stated there have been several cases of sexual trafficking. He stated there is a lot of talk about more training for hotel employees to spot signs of human trafficking.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to move Budgetary Amendment 18A019 to the Audit & Administration Committee Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #11 - Approval/Reappointment/Board of Health/Doyle

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated Dr. Daniel Doyle has been a good asset to the Board of Health.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to approve the Reappointment of Dr. Daniel Doyle to the Board of Health; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #13 - FYI/Hudson River Anchorages

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated the United States Coast Guard is suspending the plans to create anchorages in the Hudson River. She stated the Coast Guard received over 10,000 comments opposing the anchorages.

Item #14 - FYI/Putnam County Health Ranking

Acting Commissioner Nesheiwat stated the County continues to be in the top five (5) in the State.

Item #15 - FYI/Medication Take Back Day/April 28, 2018/Putnam Hospital Center Wager Cancer Pavilion – Duly Noted

Item #16 - FYI/“Think Differently” Presentation/May 25, 2018/Bureau of Emergency Services Auditorium/Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro

Legislator Nacerino questioned what time the presentation is.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated 10:30am.

Deputy Commissioner DeMarzo suggested videotaping the presentation and putting it on the County website so that people can watch it on their own time.

Chairwoman Scuccimarra stated that is a great idea.

Item #17 - Other Business

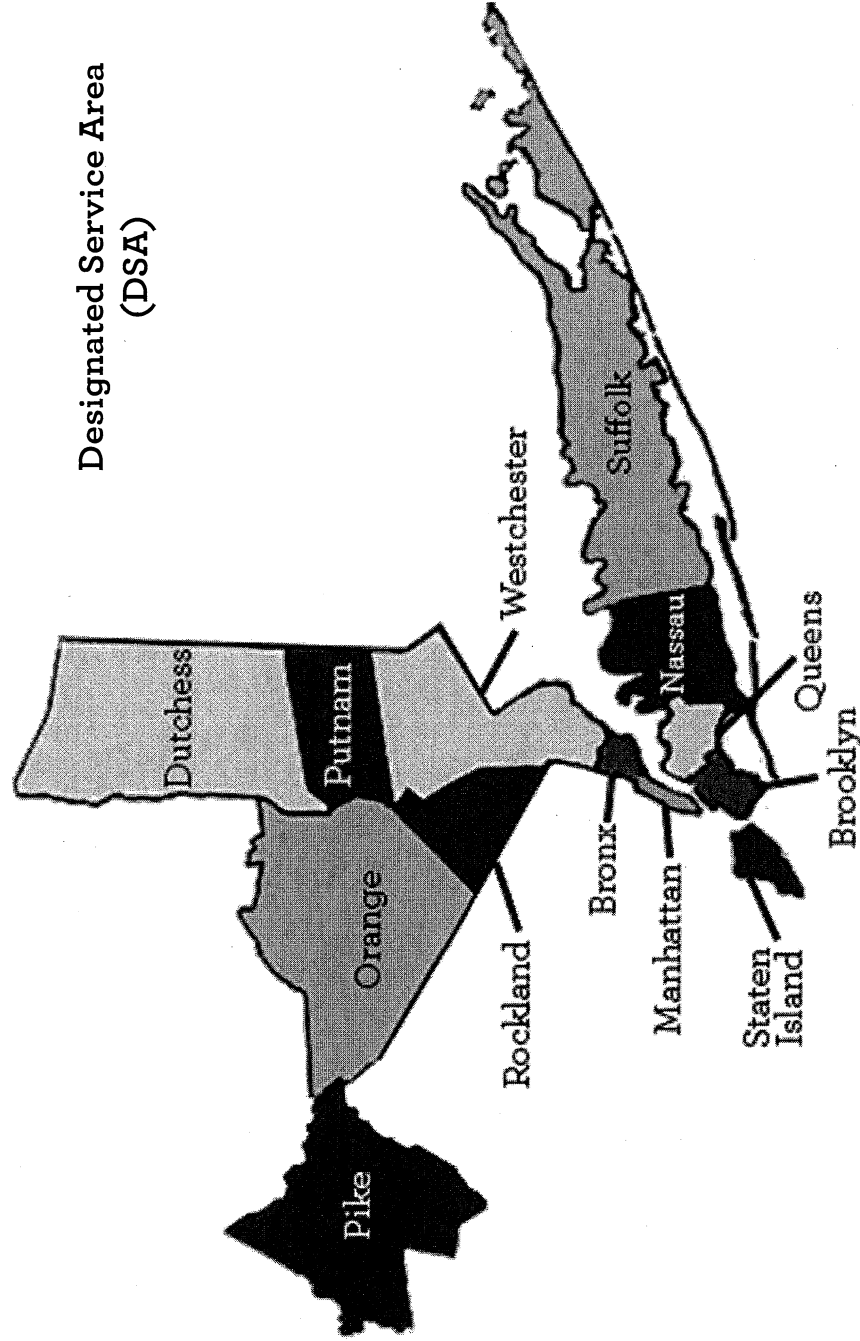
- a. **FYI/Hazardous Waste Collection Day/May 5th/ Canopus Beach parking lot at Fahnestock Park – Duly Noted**

Item #18 – Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:45 P.M., Chairwoman Scuccimarra made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.

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the need in NY

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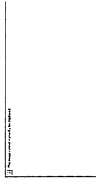
the state of donation in NY

115K people
waiting nationally

9K+ of national list
here in New York

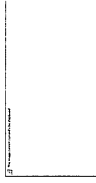
32% of NYers
registered

every 20 hours
someone dies waiting

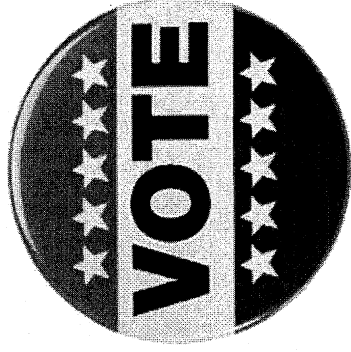


myths & misconceptions

- **doctors won't try as hard to save me**
- **it's against my religion to donate**
- **i'm too old or sick**
- **the rich and famous get preference**



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Prefix _____ (Mr., Mrs., Dr., etc.) Middle Initial _____

*First Name _____

*Last Name _____ (Dr., Sr., Jr., etc.)

Address _____

*City _____ *Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

*Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ *Gender M F

*Height _____ Feet _____ Inches *Eye Color _____

9-Digit Driver License or Non-Driver ID Number _____
(Not required)

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All Organs, Tissues and Eyes

Unpaired Organs, Tissues and Eyes, as specified below

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Heart with Connective Tissue Small Intestine

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Transplantation and Research

Research Only

SIGN & DATE

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