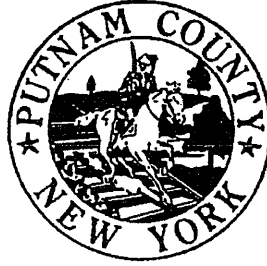


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## AGENDA

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

**Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Nacerino**

**Tuesday March 21, 2023**  
**(Immediately Following the Protective Meeting at 6:30PM)**

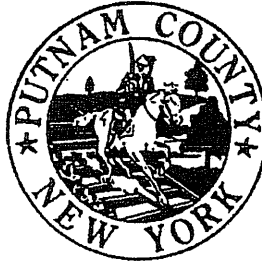
1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Discussion/Update/Mental Health & Stabilization Center/Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza**
4. **Approval/Budgetary Amendment 23A009/Social Services/Request to Utilize Opioid Settlement Trust Monies**
5. **Approval/Request that Putnam's Congressional Delegation Act to Ensure the Safe Handling of Wastewater from Indian Point Energy Center**
6. **FYI/Fund Transfer 23T058/Health Department/McGuinness Billing Software**
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjournment**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 16, 2023

**TO:** Kevin Byrne  
Putnam County Executive

**CC:** Michael Piazza  
Commissioner of Social Services

**FROM:** Amy Sayegh  
Chairwoman, Health, Social, Educational, & Environmental Committee

**RE:** March Health Meeting – Mental Health & Stabilization Center Update

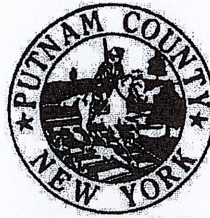
As a follow up to conversations I have had with Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza, I respectfully request he attend the March 21, 2023 Health Committee Meeting to provide an update on mental health and the stabilization center.

The meeting will immediately follow the Protective Services Committee Meeting beginning at 6:30PM in Room 318 of the County Office Building.

Thank you for your attention to this request.



WILLIAM J. CARLIN, Jr. CPA  
Commissioner Of Finance



MICHAEL J. LEWIS  
Chief Deputy Commissioner Of Finance

SHEILA BARRETT  
Deputy Commissioner Of Finance

Reso #4  
Health  
3/21  
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk

FROM: Michael J. Lewis, Chief Deputy Commissioner of Finance

RE: Budgetary Amendment – 23A009

DATE: March 14, 2023

At the request of the Commissioner of Social Services and Mental Health, the following budgetary amendment is required:

Increase Appropriations:

10431000 54646 10202	MH LGU - Contracts	\$	85,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 427350 10202	MH LGU - Opioid Settlement Monies	\$	85,000
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Fiscal Impact - 2023 - \$ 0

Fiscal Impact - 2024 - \$ 0

The Executive Director of The Prevention Council of Putnam wrote a formal funding request letter to the County Executive dated back on February 16, 2023 outlining the overview of the scope of work the agency would provide pursuant to Schedule C of the New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement.

The Commissioner of Social Services and Mental Health is respectfully requesting that the Committee utilize up to \$85,000 of the Opioid Settlement Trust Monies to fund the agency's evidence-based programs and strategies for preventing opioid misuse, opioid overdose and connecting those to care and harm reduction services to abate the opioid epidemic in Putnam County.

Please forward to the appropriate committee.

Approved:

Kevin M. Byrne  
County Executive

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PUTNAM COUNTY  
CARMEL, NY  
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## Michael Lewis

**From:** Piazza, Jr., Michael J (DFA) <Michael.PiazzaJr@dfa.state.ny.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 12:28 PM  
**To:** Michael Lewis  
**Cc:** Servadio, Sara (DFA); Balcer, Grace (DFA); William Carlin  
**Subject:** Narrative for Budget Resolution for Health Committee for expenditure of \$85,000 of Opiate settlement funding.

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This expenditure will support the intent of the New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement by funding services that are consistent with the "Approved uses" detailed in Schedule C of the settlement. The total cost of this expenditure shall be \$85,000 and will be spent on the following services.

1. To prevent Substance Use Disorders and the misuse of opioids through an evidence based public health education and prevention programs including school based programs and strategies that include :

- Public Education relating to drug disposal
- Drug take back disposal and destruction
- Educational campaigns to reduce social access , physical access and stigma reduction
- Providing support to individuals in treatment and recovery and,
- Providing training and education to students , families and school employees , school athletic programs and others.

Total for this strategy is ~~\$45,500~~ - 518,342.500

2. Prevent Overdose Deaths and other harms via Harm Reduction using evidence based programs and strategies that include:

- Increasing availability and distribution of naloxone to first responders ,overdose patients,opioid users, families and friends of opiod users, schools and outreach workers, drug offenders upon release jail and the general public.
- Training and education regarding naloxone overdoses for first responders , overdose patoents ,patients taking opioids , families , schools and other members of the public:
- Training for school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses and provide them with naloxone , training and support.

-Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses and the Good Samaritan Laws:

-Peer support services , referrals to treatment and connections to care to prevent and reduce recidivism or reoccurrence.

Total for this strategy is \$42,500.

Mike - Grace take a look and tell me if you need anything else.

I don't know if we need to break out the allocation for each strategy but if we do I checked with Kristin and it should be 50/50.

We will do a quarterly advance with reports of presentations and trainings conducted, numbers of persons trained etc.

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Kristin E. McConnell, MS, CPP-G  
Executive Director

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[www.preventioncouncilputnam.org](http://www.preventioncouncilputnam.org)

February 16, 2023

Kevin Byrne, County Executive  
Putnam County Executive's Office  
40 Gleneida Avenue  
Carmel, NY 10512

**Re: Opioid Settlement Funds Funding Request Follow Up**

Dear County Executive Byrne,

As you may know, the Prevention Council of Putnam provides a full spectrum of prevention, harm reduction and recovery support services to the residents of Putnam County. We have been actively participating in the discussions with local government regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds and submitted a formal funding request last year. Since our funding request is time sensitive, we are following up to find out the status of the request, and to provide you with an overview of the scope of work we plan to implement with the requested funds. The areas we intend to focus on fall within the Schedule C Approved Uses and are outlined below:

**Preventing Misuse of Opioids through evidence-based programs and strategies that include:**

- Public education relating to drug disposal;
- Drug take back disposal and destruction;
- Educational campaigns to reduce social access, physical access and stigma reduction;
- Providing support to individuals in treatment or recovery; and
- Providing training and education to students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, and others.

**Preventing Overdose Deaths and Other Harms through evidence-based programs and strategies that include:**

- Increasing availability and distribution of naloxone to first responders, overdose patients, opioid users, families and friends of opioid users, schools and outreach workers, drug offenders upon release from jail and the general public;
- Training and education regarding naloxone overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, and other members of the public;
- Training for school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with naloxone, training, and support;
- Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses and the Good Samaritan Laws;
- Peer support services, referrals to treatment and connections to care to prevent and reduce recidivism or reoccurrence

The total amount of our request is \$541,215.00, however; it is important to note that this request covers a five-year period from 4/1/2023 through 12/31/2027, which comes to approximately \$114,000 per year. Our request is an investment in collaborative, cross-system, coordinated life-saving services aimed at preventing opioid misuse, opioid overdose and connecting individuals to care and harm reduction services to abate the opioid epidemic here in Putnam County. Please note that as stated in our original request, current funding for these services ends on March 31, 2023, and all of the vital services described above will cease, unless we are awarded funds. **We can provide a detailed breakdown of how the funds will be utilized and ensure that the services provided fall within the required uses as set forth in the guidelines.**

We look forward to discussing this request with you and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin McConnell, M.S., CPP

RESOLUTION #\_\_ of 2023

DRAFT

**APPROVAL/REQUEST THAT PUTNAM'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ACT  
TO ENSURE THE SAFE HANDLING OF WASTEWATER FROM INDIAN POINT  
ENERGY CENTER**

**WHEREAS, the Hudson River is a federally designated American Heritage River for which special consideration must be given to the effects of actions taken on, around, or within the River on the natural, historic, economic, and cultural needs of the surrounding communities; and**

**WHEREAS, the Hudson River is an invaluable resource providing seafood, transportation, tourism, and recreational activities for the residents of Putnam County, as well as for many others beyond our county, some of whom also use it as a source of potable water; and**

**WHEREAS, Holtec International has announced plans to release wastewater containing radioactive tritium into the Hudson River later this year as part of the decommissioning of the nuclear reactors at the Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC); and**

**WHEREAS, the management of such radioactive materials falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government, particularly, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, it is therefore incumbent upon the federal government to ensure that any release of wastewater from IPEC into the Hudson River that it may permit must not cause any detrimental environmental impact to the Hudson River, and must not compromise the health or safety of those who use the Hudson River; now therefore be it**

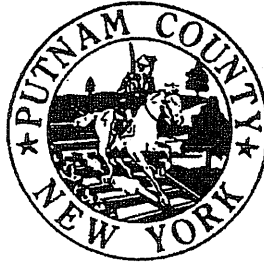
**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive hereby respectfully call upon Putnam County's delegation in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to obtain assurances from the relevant federal regulatory agencies that they will not permit any discharges of wastewater from IPEC that will cause environmental harm or that pose a threat to the health or safety of the residents of Putnam County; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Putnam County's representative in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.**

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February 23, 2023

Honorable Michael Lawler  
United States House of Representatives  
District Office  
P.O. Box 1645  
Pearl River, NY 10965

Dear Congressman Lawler:

As the Chair of the Putnam County Legislature's Health, Social, Educational and Environmental Committee, I respectfully request your assistance with an issue of concern to residents of Putnam County.

As you may know, Holtec International has announced plans to release water containing radioactive tritium into the Hudson River later this year as part of the decommissioning of the nuclear reactors at the Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC). This planned release has raised questions as to the safety of the discharge and whether there are better alternatives to dealing with the wastewater from the cooling pools.

The release of tritium containing wastewater into the Hudson River was reportedly described by an engineer on the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board as the "least-worst option" to empty the plant's cooling pools. It is my understanding that the management of these radioactive materials falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government, particularly, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Can you please inquire whether these agencies have, in fact, determined that discharge into the Hudson River is the safest way to manage these materials?

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Thank you for your assistance with these inquiries. I am sure you share my concern for the health and safety of the residents of Putnam County. Given the federal government's oversight role in managing radioactive materials, I believe it is essential that we hear directly from these agencies on these questions.

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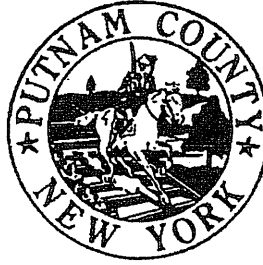
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United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
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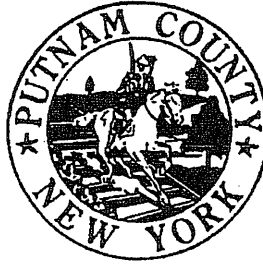
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United States Senate  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Putnam County Legislator, District #8

CC: all  
Health - FY1  
A+A - sign

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM

FUND TRANSFER REQUEST # 304

TO: Commissioner of Finance

FROM: William A. Orr, Jr., Senior Fiscal Manager

DEPT: Health

DATE: March 9, 2023

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM ACCOUNT # / NAME	TO ACCOUNT # / NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
10296000-54782 Preschool-Software Acc.	10296000-54783 Preschool-Lic. Software	\$25,000.00	To correctly allocate funding for the payment of McGuinness software.

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2022 Fiscal Impact \$ 0.00

2023 Fiscal Impact \$ 0.00

Department Head Signature/Designee Date

AUTHORIZATION: (Electronic signatures)

Date Commissioner of Finance / Designee: Initiated by: \$0 - \$5,000.00

Date County Executive / Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

Date Chairperson Audit / Designee: \$0 - \$10,000.00

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Date Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

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Kevin M. Byrne  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD  
INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

From: William A. Orr, Jr.

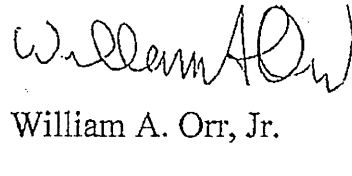
To: William Carlin

Date: March 9, 2023

Re: Fund Transfer Request #304 in the amount of \$25,000.00

In the 2023 budget for 1029600 (Preschool), funds should have been allocated to line 54783 (Licensing Software); however, due to a data entry error, funds were allocated to line 54782 (Software Accessories). These funds are to remit payment for the second and final installment for the McGuiness billing software. Please put this on the appropriate committee for approval.

Sincerely,

  
William A. Orr, Jr.