

Introduced by Presiding Officer Gregory and Legislators Hahn, Anker

RESOLUTION NO. 677 -2017, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO DEVELOP A SMART PHONE APPLICATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

WHEREAS, drug addiction is at epidemic levels in Suffolk County and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, family members and friends of those with substance abuse problems need access to resources which can help their loved ones quickly; and

WHEREAS, many organizations provide drug addiction services, but obtaining all the necessary information and making contact with the appropriate agency can be time consuming and daunting for individuals faced with an immediate crisis; and

WHEREAS, the County provides substance abuse resource information on the Department of Health Services website; and

WHEREAS, smartphone applications (“apps”) provide a wide variety of information and services; and

WHEREAS, the County should immediately develop a smartphone app that will provide quick and easy access to a broad range of information for people battling substance abuse and their families; and

WHEREAS, the app should provide pertinent information, including the location of nearby hospitals and local treatment centers, organizations with additional resources, Narcan training, support lines and other information to assist individuals in need of substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of its development, the app will be made available to the public; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop, in cooperation with the Department of Information Technology, a smartphone application that will provide instant access to information on substance abuse resources and services to Suffolk County residents; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services and the Department of Information Technology will seek input from stakeholders and interested parties, including the Office of the County Legislature’s Presiding Officer, as to the information that should be included in the app; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health and Department of Information Technology will create this app and make it operational within 60 days after the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II

action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: July 25, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: August 10, 2017