

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2021, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CREATE A WEBSITE DEDICATED TO MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, SUBSTANCE MISUSE, PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, many residents of Suffolk County have or know of someone trying to manage mental health, addiction, substance misuse or who is seeking prevention and/or recovery services but need additional guidance in locating resources; and

WHEREAS, currently, information relating to mental health, addiction, substance misuse treatment resources and/or prevention and recovery resources are located across multiple sections of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services' website; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the Department of Health Services to work with the Department of Information Technology to create a separate website dedicated to mental health, addiction, substance misuse, prevention and recovery treatment and resource information so that individuals in need may readily access this vital information in a centralized location; and

WHEREAS, a separate website that gives residents easy access to information and resources for individuals suffering from mental illness, addiction, substance misuse or in search of prevention and/or recovery supports should be developed and maintained by the Department of Information Technology and the Department of Health Services; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology, in conjunction with the Department of Health Services, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to create and publish a website dedicated to providing information and resources on mental illness, addiction, substance misuse, prevention and recovery resources; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services shall develop for inclusion on the website clearly labeled information regarding the signs of mental illness, addiction, and substance misuse; provide information on residential and out-patient treatment centers, programs, hotlines, and other pertinent preventative and/or treatment information regarding mental health, addiction, substance misuse, prevention and recovery; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the link to the mental health, addiction, substance misuse, prevention and recovery information website shall be prominently displayed at the top of the Department of Health Services' website; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the mental health, addiction, substance misuse, prevention and recovery information website shall be created and published no later than May 1, 2021; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Health Services shall review and update the information on the mental health, addiction, substance misuse, prevention and recovery information website for accuracy and completeness no less than annually; and be it further

6th **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)(26) and (33) 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 insofar as these actions constitute routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, 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: February 2, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 16, 2021