

Meeting Minutes- Suffolk County
Women Veterans Advisory Board
December 11, 2020

Board Members Present: *Legislator Susan A. Berland, Christine Glynn, StaceyAnn Castro Tapler, Marcelle Leis, Grace Mehl, Madeline Feaster, Jen Baker, Williamina (Ina) Casali, Sam Sarube*

3:07 Christine started meeting

3:08 Pledge of Allegiance

First order of Business:

Christine notified board members of vacant secretary position and asked for volunteers.

Christine gave updates about virtual meeting with Senator Gillibrand's office regarding female GYN at Northport VA.

Second Order of Business:

Stacey gave updates and announcements about housing opportunities for female veterans.

- Open four-bedroom house available for female veterans only (Mastic, NY).
- Assisted female veteran in locating an apartment and acquiring necessary supplies through donations.

Marcelle gave updates about family house in Riverhead, NY that is now accepting female veterans (available in January 2021).

- Christine recommended Legislator Berland reach out to legislators in Riverhead district to find female veterans in need of housing.
- Ina will reach out to Veterans Representative from Suffolk County Community College to inquire about female veterans in need of housing.

Christine asked members if they know of any veterans in need of clothing/toys for the holiday season.

- Lenore, Marcelle, and Legislator Berland will donate leftover items from coat/toy drive from their place of work.
- Ina will put Christine in contact with member from Northwell Health to donate feminine products.
- Christine will send out a list of veterans/items needed to board.

Lenore suggested that important dates and events be added to the board calendar.

Stacey reviewed the role of secretary.

Christine stated that if we do not have a secretary nominated/ volunteered by next meeting, we will rotate that position monthly amongst the board members.

Christine will email board members about potential meeting dates for 2021.

3:42 Meeting ended.