

**Meeting Minutes- Suffolk County
Women Veterans Advisory Board**

November 13, 2020

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

3:04 Christine started meeting

First order of Business:

Reviewed notes from last meeting. Notes approved.

Inquired if board needed to wait for Legislator Berland to start meeting - Sam asks for us to wait for Legislator Berland to begin.

Christine asks board members about their Veterans day activities awaiting Susan's presence.

Board members share their events.

Legislator Berland enters meeting at 3:16.

Legislator Berland expresses concerns on a private event that some board members attended.

Board member asks for the Chair to move the meeting on. Christine asks to move to official business.

Legislator Berland continues to speak about the event. Christine asks again to move on.

Zoom time ends and Sam sends out new link and we log back in to finish meeting.

Second Order of Business:

Stacey gives update on Women's Veteran survey, and asks board members to email her questions they'd like covered on the survey.

Legislator Berland asks that Rosa from the women's center at the VA be involved in our survey. Stacey clarifies and states that the survey's intention is to gather information on all services that may be needed by women veterans- and is not centered around the VA so it should not have to be approved by the VA.

Board member Cathie Norton Doherty leaves call.

Christine addresses issue with Northport VA Gynecologist, and states she has an upcoming meeting with Senator Gellibrand's office.

Legislator Berland requested input regarding a proposal to grant veterans rights to civilian nurses that served during WWII.

Stacey agrees to send out information on the request and do some research.

Our next meeting is 12/11 at 3pm zoom. Chair Closes meeting.