

**Suffolk County Women Veterans Advisory Board Minutes of the monthly meeting.**

**January 15, 2021**

**3:00PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

Zoom

Suffolk County, New York

**Present at Meeting:**

Legislator Susan Berland, Samantha Sarube, Christine Glynn, President Advisory Board, Melissa Pandolf, Grace Mehl, JenBaker, Lenore Brathwaite, Williamina (Ina) Casali

**Absent from Meeting:**

StaceyAnn Tapler, Cathie Doherty, Madeline Feaster, Marcelle Leis

**I. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and approved.

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

**III. Consideration of Open Issues**

1. Facebook Post on 1/15/2021

Presented by Christine Glynn

Christine requests that Board Members read the Facebook post by Cathie Doherty and respond how they feel to Christine by e-mail.

2. Suffolk County COVID Testing Site Announcement

Presented by Samantha Sarube

Samantha will forward the Suffolk County statement regarding rapid COVID testing sites and dates information to the Board Members. The testing is free to veterans by appointment only. Please forward this information to anyone you know.

3. H.R. 7105

Presented by Melissa Pandolf

Melissa will forward the e-mail regarding the signing of H.R. 7105 which provides much needed reform for veterans' services and care. The Bill includes the Deborah Sampson Act which expands much needed care and services for women veterans. Many of the new services included in the Bill are goals the Women Veterans Advisory Board have been working toward among which are solutions to the lack of care and services for women veterans who have experienced MST.

4. Northwell Health donation of feminine products for women veterans.

Presented by Ina Casali

Christine will call Helen Carranza (Army veteran and employee of Northwell Health) and work with her in getting the products donated to women veterans.

5. Northwell Health Women's Focus Group and COVID Testing

Presented by Lenore Brathwaite

Lenore is a part of the Focus Group. They have several slots available and will appreciate women veterans filling them. Christine Glynn volunteered. Lenore said if anyone else is

interested, to contact her. Lenore is a Lab Tech and can reach out to her for COVID testing through Labfly. They will come to your home to perform the test. Lenore will e-mail the information.

**Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom in Suffolk County New York on February 12, 2021 at 3PM.

The Agenda for the next Meeting is To Be Announced.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:19PM by Christine Glynn.

Minutes submitted by: *Williamina (Ina) Casali*

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_