

**OPIOID ADDICTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
4:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Rob Sassi, Acting Chairman
Kevin W. Hines, Kevindaryan Lujan, Darcie Miller

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Thomas Faggione, Legislator
Kathy A. Stegenga, Legislator
John S. Vero, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Daniel Bloomer, Director of Operations
Mary Pat Smith, Assistant to the County Executive
Kerry Gallagher, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst
Gretchen Riordan, Budget Analyst
Regina Cieslak, Operation Port Jervis

Mr. Sassi called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All committee members were present with the exception of Chairwoman Janet Sutherland who was absent.

Ms. Cieslak explained that Port Jervis Pride is a community coalition. They held three reality tours and the third was their biggest. They do a dramatic display which has a big impact. The Port Jervis Police Department participated and even did a realistic arrest. The District Attorney funded their licensing fee. Probation attended and had kids from Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS). She mentioned that the drama club does a performance on addiction. She displayed a pill bag and pill container where prescription pills can be stored or later be discarded. Ms. Cieslak concluded by stating prevention is underfunded.

Ms. Miller commented on the licensing fee that the District Attorney paid for, which was in the sum of \$5,000.00. She has been to one of the reality tours and noted that they are very good, very affective, had has a major impact. The tours are about two hours and the entire time you are completely involved in the performance. Ms. Miller added that the 311 phone number is almost ready to be launched.

On the motion of Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Lujan, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.