

He stated there is a decrease in drug overdose deaths for the first time in 20 years. He stated one (1) of the reasons is the use of overdose reversing drugs, such as Narcan. He stated Peers is working with OASAS (Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services) to have free training for every high school senior in Putnam County. He stated another film will be about the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Community. He stated though there is much more acceptance of their lifestyle and choices, research has shown that there is still bullying happening. He stated the last film will focus on violence in schools and how the regularity is affecting children, such as the anxiety it creates. He stated it will explore how the community can best deal with helping the children. He stated Peers is looking forward to working with the County on their initiatives. He provided more information on the programs and DVD copies of Peers' film "Saved By The Bell".

Chairwoman Addonizio stated bullying that ties in to the violence in school program. She stated it is important to combat it while children are young.

Mr. Reale agreed and stated bullying is the main reason for the high suicide rate among the LGBTQ community. He stated suicide is the #3 cause of death for teens.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Chairwoman Addonizio. All in favor.

Legislator Sayegh stated these issues have a common thread of mental health issues in children.

Mr. Heller stated kids have been exposed to many real world tragedies.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated it is important for the teachers to be educated and aware of all these issues.

Mr. Heller stated schools need to have a reality check about the problems that are facing them.

Mr. Reale stated they did a presentation for the parents in the Haldane School District and over 100 people attended.

Item #7 – Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:52 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn: Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.