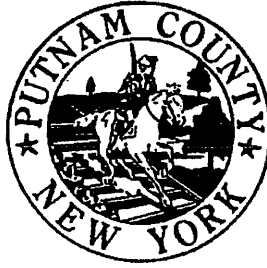


# THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Greg E. Ellner *Deputy Chair*  
Diane Schonfeld *Clerk*



Nancy Montgomery	Dist. 1
William Gouldman	Dist. 2
Toni E. Addonizio	Dist. 3
Laura E. Russo	Dist. 4
Greg E. Ellner	Dist. 5
Paul E. Jonke	Dist. 6
Daniel G. Birmingham	Dist. 7
Amy E. Sayegh	Dist. 8
Erin L. Crowley	Dist. 9

## AGENDA

### HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Russo

**Tuesday** **5:30PM** **June 17, 2025**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Acceptance of Minutes – December 10, 2024 & February 12, 2025
4. Discussion – Update – Trap, Neuter, Return Program – Putnam AdvoCATS – Director Lisa Yurko
5. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A054 – Health Department – Funds from Nuvance for Tick Kits
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN ROOM #318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Gouldman**

**Tuesday December 10, 2024**  
**(Immediately Following the Special Full & Personnel Mtgs. at 6:15PM)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested that Legislator Crowley lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Crowley, Legislator Gouldman, and Chairwoman Sayegh were present.

**Item #3 - Approval/Fund Transfer 24T456/Social Services/Cover Projected Costs through Year End**

Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Sara Servadio stated Items 3, 4, and 5 are all related. She stated this is to cover Special Education and Daycare. She stated there is a large number of children placed out of their district or out of county. She stated there is no fiscal impact. She stated New York State has relaxed some eligibility requirements, so daycare numbers have almost doubled.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 24T456; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

**Item #4 - Approval/Fund Transfer 24T457/Social Services/Cover Projected Costs through Year End**

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the travel is to take the children back and forth.

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated yes it it.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 24T457; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/Fund Transfer 24T458/Social Services/Cover Projected Costs through Year End**

Legislator Gouldman questioned what "payments to recipients" means.

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated she is unsure. She added that the out of district placements increased from 10 to 20. She stated this is something DSS was unable to plan for.

Legislator Nacerino stated year end adjustments are customary.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 24T458; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/Re-Appointment/Board of Health/Doyle**

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

Chairwoman Sayegh stated Dr. Doyle has been a board member since 1988 and thanked him for his service.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve the Re-Appointment; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

**Item #7 - FYI/Fund Transfer 24T459/Health Department/Fund Temporary Account through Year End – Duly Noted**

**Item #8 - Other Business**

**a. Other Business - Discussion - Environmental Impact Statement for Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail**

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to waive the rules and accept the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated the Legislature is in receipt of a request from the not-for-profit Protect the Highlands regarding the public comment period for the Fjord Trail. She stated it is currently a 60-day public comment period and there are concerns over the length. She stated this is a huge project and people have a lot going on this time of year. She stated her support for a resolution requesting the comment period be extended.

Legislator Montgomery noted that the 60-day period is double the amount that is mandatory but it is a big project and she would support the period being extended to 90 days.

Legislator Jonke stated his support but suggested a letter of support instead of a resolution, that way the letter could get out quickly.

Legislator Nacerino stated her support for this initiative.

Legislator Ellner stated his support for this initiative.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated it may be more prudent to do a letter rather than having a resolution go before the Full Legislature next week.

Legislator Crowley stated there was a Zoom call recently with local, state, and federal officials on this same topic. She stated many of these officials are writing letters as it is the most expedient way to get the message to the State.

Legislator Montgomery stated she believes the State is amenable to this idea to extend the public comment period.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated she is in favor of drafting a letter as it is the quickest option.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if Legislator Montgomery has a preference between a letter or resolution as this project is in her district.

Legislator Montgomery stated she has no preference and would defer the Protect the Highlands.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated she will move forward with drafting a letter and having Legislators sign on if they support it. She thanked Protect the Highlands Board Member Dave Merandy for bringing this to the attention of the Legislature.

#### **Item #9 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:26 PM Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.

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**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN ROOM #318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Russo**

**Wednesday**

**February 12, 2025**

**(Immediately Following the Physical Meeting at 6:30PM)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested that Legislator Russo lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Ellner, Legislator Russo, and Chairwoman Addonizio were present.

**Item #3 - Approval – Fund Transfer 24T536 – Department of Social Services – Cover Projected Costs through Year End 2024**

Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Sara Servadio stated this is to cover Daycare expenses through the last quarter of 2024.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 24T536; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

**Item #4 - Approval – Fund Transfer 24T537 – Department of Social Services – Cover Projected Costs through Year End 2024**

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated this is Code Blue funding.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated Code Blue is when the temperature goes below 32 degrees and the County provides housing for the homeless.

DSS Commissioner Servadio added when there is a significant storm, they close the shelter and put everyone in hotels.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if any of this funding goes to private organizations such as Brewster Cares.

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated Brewster Cares is the organization that oversees the County's Code Blue Program.

Legislator Birmingham stated Putnam County is the 25<sup>th</sup> richest County in the Country by median income, but there is poverty, and we need to help.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 24T537; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A007 – Department of Social Services – Safe Harbor Allocation**

Chairwoman Addonizio stated many people do not believe that human trafficking happens in Putnam County.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A007; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A008 – Department of Social Services – Child Advocacy Center Contract Renewal**

DSS Fiscal Manager Kristen Wunner stated this is the final year of a three (3) year grant award.

Legislator Crowley questioned how many cases are at the Child Advocacy Center annually.

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated in 2024 there were approximately 175.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A008; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A009 – Department of Social Services – Child Advocacy Center Contract Renewal**

DSS Fiscal Manager Wunner stated this is another big funding source for the Child Advocacy Center. She stated it is a three (3) year grant for approximately \$1.2 million.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A009; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

**Item #8 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A010 – Department of Social Services – Code Blue Allocation**

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated they received more money from the State than anticipated.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A010; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

**Item #9 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A011 – Department of Social Services – ARPA Adult Protective Services Grant Allocation**

DSS Fiscal Manager Wunner stated this is a grant that was awarded during COVID that was extended.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A011; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

**Item #10 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A012 – Department of Social Services – State Aid Pass Through to Provider Agencies**

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A012; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

**Item #11 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A013 – Department of Social Services – NYS Rental Supplement Program**

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A013; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

**Item #12 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 25A016 – Health Department – Community Health Survey**

Epidemiologist Allison Kaufman provided the attached PowerPoint presentation.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if the information from the responses could be broken down more granularly.

Epidemiologist Kaufman stated they could, but the numbers would be very low and it would also be more expensive.

Health Department Senior Fiscal Manager Bill Orr continued the presentation. He stated initially, the Health Department had planned on partnering with Putnam Hospital at minimal cost, for this survey. He explained that it did not work out. He explained how he came up with the funding for this survey to result in zero fiscal impact.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the nursing vacancies are still being looked at to fill.

Senior Fiscal Manager Orr stated that is correct.

Legislator Montgomery questioned what the cost would be to separate the survey data into the east and west side of the County.

Epidemiologist Kaufman stated it was an approximate increase of \$20,000.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated the needs in the survey increased in every line from 2018 to present.

Epidemiologist Kaufman cited COVID as a reason.

Legislator Sayegh questioned the lack of an adequate sample size from the survey done in partnership with the hospital.

Epidemiologist Kaufman explained the difference in sample sizes with surveys.

Legislator Montgomery stated the glaring need is childcare. She stated it is a topic in the State budget this year. She questioned if there is grant funding available that could help.

Epidemiologist Kaufman stated they have tried in the past, but this is a very broad topic. She stated it would require staff that the Health Department does not have, such as a grant writer.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 25A016; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

### **Item #13 - Other Business**

#### **a. Approval – Victim Services Grant Renewal – Department of Social Services**

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to wave the rules and accept the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated this is a three (3) year contract that is up for renewal.

DSS Commissioner Servadio stated the grant period begins October 1, 2025 and the renewal must be submitted next month.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to approve the Victim Services Grant Renewal; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

### **Item #14 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 7:51 PM Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.



**Item #4**  
**Health, Social, Educational & Environmental**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**June 17, 2025**

**#4**

**Discussion – Update – Trap, Neuter, Return Program – Putnam**  
**AdvoCATS – Director Lisa Yurko**

MICHAEL LEWIS  
Commissioner Of Finance



SHEILA BARRETT  
First Deputy Commissioner of Finance

ALEXANDRA GORMAN  
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

June 9, 2025

Ms. Diane Schonfeld, Clerk  
Putnam County Legislature  
40 Gleneida Avenue  
Carmel, NY 10512

Dear Ms. Schonfeld

Pursuant to Code Section 5-1, A dated February 14, 2010, I am advising you of the following request to amend the 2025 Health Department budget which has been submitted for approval.

Increase Revenues:

21401000 427701	Health Education - Unclassified	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
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Increase Expenses:

21401000 54329	Health Education – Promotional	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
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2025 Fiscal Impact - 0  
2026 Fiscal Impact - 0-

The PC Health Department is in receipt of a check from Nuvance Health in the amount of \$3,000. These funds are to be used to help offset the cost of Tick Removal Kits that the PCDOH provides to the public at no cost.

AUTHORIZATION:

Date	Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation by \$0 - \$5,000.00	
Date	County Executive/Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00	
Date	Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0 - \$10,000.00	25A054
Date	Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00	

Nuvance Health check # 229796 ~ \$3,000.00

RIAN RODRIGUEZ, MPH  
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR



KEVIN M. BYRNE  
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Michael Lewis, Commissioner of Finance

**FROM:** William A. Orr, Jr., Senior Fiscal Manager *WAG*

**DATE:** June 3, 2025

**RE:** **Budgetary Amendment to Health Education**  
**Nuvance Check #229796; Dated May 29, 2025**

Please review and approve Budgetary Amendment for the Health Education Program and upon approval, please forward to the Legislative Committee.

<b>Increase Revenue:</b> 21401000-427701	
Health Education-Unclassified	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$3,000.00</u></b>
 <b>Increase Expense:</b> 21401000-54329	
Health Education-Promotional	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$3,000.00</u></b>
 <b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

See the attached Justification and sponsorship check from Nuvance Health.

WAO:nc

**RIAN RODRIGUEZ, MPH**  
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR



**KEVIN M. BYRNE**  
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 3, 2025


Hi Sue,

As per our phone conversation, attached is a Budgetary Amendment in the amount of \$3,000 for Health Education Accounts and a check from Nuvance Health in the amount of \$3,000. The money is to support purchase of Tick Kits for distribution to the Public.

Please deposit check accordingly. Please process the Budgetary Amendment.

Let me know if you have any questions and thanks,

Nancy

 **Nuvance  
Health.**  
24 Hospital Ave.  
Danbury, CT 06810

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DATE: May 29, 2025

CHECK NUMBER:

AMOUNT PAID: \$3,000.00

Inquiries To: ACCOUNTS.PAYABLE@WCHN.ORG



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PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH  
1 GENEVA ROAD  
BREWSTER NY 10509



Vendor No: 116688

Invoice Number	Description	Gross Amount	Discount	Net Amount
2HE	INVOICE	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
	TOTALS	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

Donation for tick kits for  
distribution to Public

PLEASE DETACH BEFORE DEPOSITING CHECK