



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND  
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Health & Human Services Committee  
Public Hearing Report**

**DATE:** March 7, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00PM

**IN PERSON:** No

**VIRTUAL:** Yes

**SPEAKER:** Yes

**Committee Members Present**

Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board  
Diane Peruggia, Chair, Health & Human Services  
Vincent Bonomi  
Patricia Conway  
Carmine Gualtieri  
Harold Kozak  
Verna Lauria  
Dennis McKeon

**Committee Members Absent**

Vincent Malerba  
Michael Pinto

**Board Members Present**

Albert Klingele

**Staff**

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*  
Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*  
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

**Guests**

Griffin Fossella, Rep. Council Member David Carr  
Maya Lipsman, Columbia University Medical Center  
Ann Lawrence, Constructive Partnerships Unlimited

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**Public Contact**

Ann Lawrence of Constructive Partnerships Unlimited announced two events with their wheelchair clinic offered to veterans and the general public. March 25<sup>th</sup> they will offer free wheelchair cleaning. April 12<sup>th</sup> they will repair wheelchairs for free. Friday there is a rally to advocate for a revised NYS budget for the disabled community. There is a shortage of direct care workers due to the salary cap.

### Agenda

**Maya Lipsman**, Project Director of **Cancer Prevention in Action** (CPIA) at Columbia University Medical Center. This program is run in conjunction with the Staten Island Borough President's Office and Richmond University Medical Center. Its aim is to educate Staten Islanders about cancer prevention. This is a 3-year grant from the NYS Department of Health. They work with community organizations throughout Staten Island to adopt their own policies on sun-safety and promote skin cancer prevention. The second part of this grant addresses HPV vaccinations and HPV related cancers. HPV causes six (6) types of cancers, and the vaccine is over 90% effective in preventing these cancers.

*Full presentation on file in the Community Board Office*

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### Old Business

- **Beatles Blast** was last weekend at the St. George Theater with over 900 in attendance. All proceeds go to Where-to-Turn.

### New Business

- Free Prom dresses and shoes are available at Where-to-Turn. Appointments are offered on Saturdays from 12-3:00pm. Donations are also being accepted. Where-to-Turn - 22 Brienna Court, 10309, 347.273.1371
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, St. George Theater **Minty Awards Gala** honoring *Dennis McKeon*
- April is Autism Acceptance Month. Come celebrate and show support to those living with autism as we attempt to break A Guinness Book of World Record on Staten Island by standing together to form the largest human puzzle piece. April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am at SI FerryHawks SIUH Community Park. PuzzleForAutism.org or text **puzzlepiece** to **41444**.
- The Federal Government is funding \$150M to the NYC Public hospitals to help the drug crisis. Staten Island does not have any public hospitals and therefore is not slated to receive any of this funding. Several groups and elected officials are advocating to have Staten Island receive their fair share of this funding.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane Peruggia**

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Chair, Health & Human Services Committee