



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

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

**DATE:** March 5, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00PM

**IN PERSON:** No

**VIRTUAL:** Yes

**SPEAKER:** Yes

**Committee Members Present**

Frank Morano

Diane Peruggia, Chair, Health & Human Services

Vincent Bonomi

Jessica Francese

Harold Kozak

Dennis McKeon

**Committee Members Absent**

Patricia Conway

Verna Lauria

Carmine Gualtieri

**Staff**

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*

Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

**Guests**

Courtney Oliver, Youth Advocacy, Public Health Solutions (PHS)

Frederick Marte, Community Engagement Manager, PHS

Frank Rapacciuolo, Rep., Councilman Borelli

Susan Conlon Richmondtown-Clarke Avenue Civic

Carol Donovan, Richmondtown-Clarke Avenue Civic

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**Public Contact**

None

**Agenda**

Frederick Marte and Courtney Oliver of Public Health Solutions (PHS) spoke about their mission to protect the health of New Yorkers through tobacco control policy, advocacy, and education. PHS is the largest public health nonprofit in New York City. It supports vulnerable NYC families in achieving optimal health and building pathways to reach their potential. They partner with community members, legislators, and health advocates to support local efforts to end the devastating tobacco epidemic throughout NYC.

*\*Full Presentation on file in the Community Board Office*

- The **Oakwood Residents Civic Association** has submitted documentation against the non-medical adult use cannabis/marijuana legalization. “Our Civic Association is dedicated to assuring our quality-of-life issues are addressed by our elected representatives and government agencies in a manner that promotes the health and safety of our members and their families.”

*\*Full Statement on file in the Community Board Office*

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- Dennis McKeon and Where-to-Turn will organize Sunday morning clean-ups starting in the spring. The first location will be Arthur Kill Road between Sharrotts Road and Bloomingdale Road. WTT continues to pick up e-waste (computers, laptops, TVs) from senior citizens curbside. Additionally, anyone is welcome to drop off e-waste at the Brienna Ct. warehouse, and Dennis will dispose of it properly.
- There is concern regarding the Battery Energy Storage System on Arthur Kill Road. It is as-of-right, so the applicant doesn't come before the Community Board (CB). The elected officials plan to submit their opposition to the project soon. The CB is also opposed to this project.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane Peruggia**

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Chair, Health & Human Services Committee