



Sullivan County

Health & Human Services

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Catherine Scott
Vice Chairman Matt McPhillips
Committee Member Brian McPhillips
Committee Member Amanda Ward
Committee Member Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Thursday, September 12, 2024

11:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Scott called the Health and Human Services Committee to order at 12:08PM.

Roll Call

Luis Alvarez

Present: Catherine Scott, Brian McPhillips, Amanda Ward and Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Absent: Matt McPhillips

Comments:

1. Proclamation - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

The Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation was presented to Caitlin Bolduc, Christopher Bolduc and Madelyn Bolduc who is now cancer free.

The Proclamation is as follows:

SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Childhood Cancer Organization childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., with the average age of diagnosis being 6 years old; and

WHEREAS, on average there’s been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970’s resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years, and;

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening, and;

WHEREAS, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe, and;

WHEREAS, in the last 30 years only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer, and;

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out;

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support, and;

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer, and;

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature hereby proclaims September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and encourages all residents of Sullivan County to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country.

Proclaimed this September 12, 2024

**Nadia Rajsz, Chairman
Legislator, District 2**

**Joseph Perrello, Vice-Chairman
Legislator, District 7**

**Catherine Scott, Chair
Health & Human Services Committee
Legislator, District 5**

Recess

Amanda Ward moved to recess, seconded by Brian McPhillips. The Health and Human Services Committee was recessed at 12:12PM.