

**RESOLUTION NO. 821 -2011, ESTABLISHING A TEEN
PREGNANCY ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, teen pregnancy is a crisis in Suffolk County and throughout the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 881-2009 established a task force to study the issue of teen pregnancy in Suffolk County and propose methods to decrease teen pregnancy in the short and long term; and

WHEREAS, the Teen Pregnancy Task Force determined that teen pregnancy rates in the County are a result of a confluence of issues, including, but not limited to, drug and alcohol use, gangs, bullying, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Teen Pregnancy Task Force has recommended the establishment of a permanent successor body to provide ongoing support, assistance and oversight to the County's continued efforts to decrease teen pregnancy; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Teen Pregnancy Advisory Board is hereby created for the following purposes:

- A. To address the barriers to preventing teen pregnancy, as identified in the report submitted by the Teen Pregnancy Task Force;
- B. To establish focus groups to determine how these barriers intersect with other issues faced by community members;
- C. To promote educational outreach on teen pregnancy and related issues;
- D. To coordinate existing services for youth at risk of pregnancy;
- E. To advocate for increased access to family planning services for sexually active youth;
- F. To develop collaborative initiatives and program models to help young people, particularly those in marginalized groups, to avoid risky behaviors, including those that put them at risk of pregnancy;
- G. To partner with existing state and federal organizations to leverage resources to address teen pregnancy;
- H. To facilitate ongoing communication and collaborative grant funding efforts between direct service providers and municipal stakeholders to establish better coordinated partnerships among all service providers and create a long-term awareness of teen pregnancy services and programs available to the public;
- I. To partner with libraries, youth organizations and other local organizations to distribute information on and links to teen pregnancy resources for teens and adult caregivers; and

- J. To partner with community organizations to promote mentoring opportunities that include both adult to teen and peer-to-peer education and information exchange;

and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Teen Pregnancy Advisory Board shall consist of the following fourteen (14) members:

- 1) A representative from the County Legislature, to be appointed by the Presiding Officer;
- 2) A representative from the County Executive's office, to be appointed by the County Executive;
- 3) A representative of a non-profit teen sexuality and pregnancy education agency, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
- 4) A Suffolk County law enforcement officer, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
- 5) An early childhood or elementary school professional, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
- 6) A representative of a non-profit drug and alcohol prevention and education agency, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
- 7) A secondary school professional, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
- 8) The Commissioner of the Department of Labor, or his or her designee;
- 9) The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, or his or her designee;
- 10) A child welfare advocate, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
- 11) The Director of the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, or his or her designee;
- 12) A representative of the Youth Board Coordinating Council;
- 13) The Commissioner of the Department of Health Services, or his or her designee; and
- 14) A post-secondary school professional, to be appointed by the County Legislature;

and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board shall be selected by a majority of the membership of Board; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Board shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a chairperson, vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Board shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall hold regular monthly meetings, keeping a record of all proceedings and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the Chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefore signed by at least eight (8) members of the Board. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice of such special meeting; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Board at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Board may submit requests to the County Executive and the County Legislature for approval of the provision of secretarial services, travel expenses or retention of consultants to assist the Board with such endeavors, said total expenditures not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per fiscal year, which services shall be subject to Legislative approval; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Board, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Department of Social Services; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Board may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Board may delegate to any member of the Board the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

13th **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall convene annually a summit of organizations that work with teens, families and communities to move forward an agenda of community building and support for teens in the County of Suffolk. The agenda of the summit shall address the recommendations of the report established by the Teen Pregnancy Task Force, as well as subsequent reports of this Board and shall provide training workshops tailored to each of the following groups:

- 1) County employees;
- 2) Medical professionals and support personnel;
- 3) Professionals who work with youth in non-health related fields (i.e. librarians, scout leaders, foster parents, etc.); and
- 4) Other groups as deemed necessary, including train-the-trainer workshops for professionals who can reach out to others in their field;

and be it further

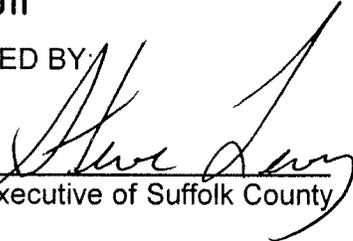
14th RESOLVED, that the Board shall submit a written annual report of its findings and determinations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than January 31 of each year, for the prior calendar year's activities, for consideration, review and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

15th RESOLVED, that none of the work contemplated by this Resolution shall be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

16th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: **OCT 11 2011**

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: **OCT 19 2011**

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on October 11, 2011 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res.

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Res. No.

821

October 11, 2011

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R	
1	Edward P. ROMAINE						
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN						
3	Kate M. BROWNING						
4	Thomas MURATORE						
6	Sarah S. ANKER						
7	Jack EDDINGTON						
9	Ricardo MONTANO						
10	Thomas CILMI						
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA						
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.						
13	Lynne C. NOWICK						
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY						
15	DuWayne GREGORY						
16	Steven H. STERN						
17	Lou D'AMARO						
18	Jon COOPER						
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.					/	
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.		/				
Totals		17	-		1	-	

MOTION
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___ Table: _____
___ Send To Committee
___ Table Subject To Call
___ Lay On The Table
___ Discharge
___ Take Out of Order
___ Reconsider
___ Waive Rule ___
___ Override Veto
___ Close
___ Recess
APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAILED ___
No Motion ___ No Second ___

RESOLUTION DECLARED
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___ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote ___