

**RESOLUTION NO. 603 -2011, ESTABLISHING A SOBER HOME OVERSIGHT BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County wants to provide individuals recovering from substance abuse with sober living facilities that provide a safe environment and supportive atmosphere with appropriate treatment to aid in successful recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York has failed to properly regulate sober homes to ensure that it provides safe and appropriate housing to persons in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 805-2010 authorized the Department of Social Services to issue a Request For Qualifications ("RFQ") to identify responsible qualified organizations and/or individuals to operate sober homes in Suffolk County and provide such providers with incentives and referrals for providing such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services is responsible for inspecting government subsidized housing for safety, including sober home facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services will need to expand inspections in sober homes that have been qualified by the County pursuant to the RFQ to ensure that the criteria outlined therein for treatment and sobriety are being met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services should have the support of an organized group of experts in the field of substance abuse and treatment to assist in the implementation of the RFQ and advise on oversight to ensure that the standards set forth in the RFQ are adhered to by qualified sober home providers; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that a Sober Home Oversight Board is hereby established to advise the Suffolk County Department of Social Services ("DSS") and the Department of Health Services' Division of Community Mental Hygiene Services ("DHS") on the rules and regulations regarding the implementation of the criteria contained in the Request For Qualifications ("RFQ") for sober home operators, as authorized by Resolution No. 805-2010, and to advise DSS and DHS on the oversight and enforcement of the requirements contained in the RFQ on sober home operators who are determined by the County to be qualified, responsible providers; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the oversight board shall consist of the following nineteen (19) members:

- 1.) a representative of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services Housing Department, to be selected by the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services;
- 2.) a representative of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Community Mental Hygiene Services;
- 3.) a representative of the Suffolk County Police Department;

- 4.) a representative of the Suffolk County Probation Department;
- 5.) a representative of Suffolk County ambulance and/or EMS providers;
- 6.) the New York State OASAS representative for Long Island;
- 7.) the New York State Office of Mental Health representative for Long Island;
- 8.) a representative of the Brookhaven Town Code Enforcement Department;
- 9.) a representative of the Long Island Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency;
- 10.) a representative of South Oaks Hospital;
- 11.) a representative of Hope House;
- 12.) a representative of the YMCA Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program;
- 13.) a representative of Outreach;
- 14.) a representative of LICAN;
- 15.) a representative of the Quality Consortium;
- 16.) a representative of the Long Island Recovery Advocates;
- 17.) two consumers of sober home services, to be selected by the Long Island Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency; and
- 18.) the chairperson of the Suffolk County Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee;

and be it further

**3rd** **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

**4th** **RESOLVED**, the members of said Board shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

**5th** **RESOLVED**, that ten members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Board at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

**6th** **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its 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 therefor signed by at least seven members of the Commission. Written notice of the time and place of

such special meetings shall be provided by the Secretary to each member at least four days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

**7th**               **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

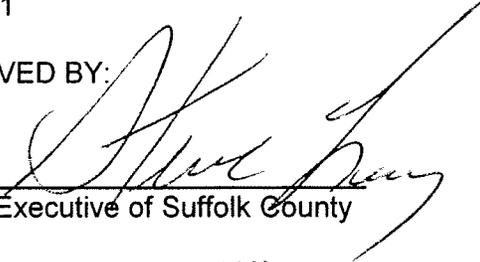
**8th**               **RESOLVED**, that the Board may delegate to any member of the Board the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

**9th**               **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall submit a written report of its activities by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to each member of the Legislature, the County Executive, and the Welfare to Work Commission; and be it further

**10th**             **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: August 2, 2011

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date:               **AUG 1 1 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 Aug 2, 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*

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Clerk of the Legislature

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August 2, 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.					
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MOTION
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No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
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*Tim Laube*

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote