

Co-Occurring Disorders Press Conference

In connection with Recovery Month, I held a press conference to announce a report on the 2nd Annual Conference to promote the integration of mental health and substance use disorder services across our system of care to better meet the needs of those with Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) and their loved ones, promote knowledge about COD, and highlight the value of integration of care in order to pave the way for advancement in the overall field of COD prevention, treatment, and recovery to best serve the complex needs of individuals and their families struggling with the impacts of COD.

2ND ANNUAL

Strengthening the System of Care for Co-Occurring Disorders

A REPORT PREPARED BY A WORKING GROUP OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

Sept. 27, 2023

Overdose Awareness

I attended the Candlelight Vigil in Northport Village to mark Overdose Awareness Day and the start of National Recovery Month. It was a poignant reminder that no one should feel ashamed if they're battling addiction; seeking help is an act of courage.

I want to thank Sharon Richmond, Cat Juliano, and Mary Silberstein for organizing this event and the Paint the Town Purple Campaign. As Ranking Assembly Member on the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Committee, I am committed to increasing awareness. Recently, I participated in a hearing in Albany about Intoxicated and Impaired Driving. Let's work together to create a compassionate and understanding community where recovery is possible for everyone.

FREE NARCAN & TEST STRIPS



Valuable resources that can make a profound difference in our community are now at your fingertips. We are pleased to announce that free naloxone and drug test strips are readily accessible to help identify harmful additives, prevent overdose tragedies, and ultimately, save lives.

In the face of the opioid crisis, it's crucial that we come together to ensure the safety and well-being of our community members. Naloxone is an essential tool in reversing opioid overdoses, and drug test strips provide a means to detect dangerous substances before they cause harm.

Together, we have the power to be proactive, to protect one another, and to make our community a safer place for all. Your willingness to take this step could be a lifeline for someone in need. You can visit Naloxone Access for Impacted Communities to receive a free Narcan kit and training.

[Visit Naloxone Access](#)

SEYMOUR'S BOATYARD 100TH ANNIVERSARY



I was honored to attend the 100th anniversary celebration of Seymour's Boatyard in Northport, New York.

Seymour's Boatyard is a family-owned and operated business that has been serving the Northport community for generations. It is a vital part of the local economy, and it is also a place where people come to enjoy the beauty of Northport Harbor.

I have always been impressed by the dedication and commitment of the Weber family who own and operate Seymour's Boatyard. They are passionate about their work, and they are always looking for ways to improve their services.

The 100th anniversary celebration of Seymour's Boatyard was a wonderful event. It was an opportunity to celebrate the rich history of this business and to look forward to the future. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the Northport community in the Assembly. I am also grateful for businesses like Seymour's Boatyard, which contribute so much to the vitality of our community.

Congratulations to the Weber family on this remarkable milestone!



The HOPEline

- New York State's HOPEline is a confidential support and referral hotline for individuals struggling with addiction and problem gambling. It is staffed by trained, masters-level clinicians 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- HOPEline can provide information about addiction and problem gambling assessments, interventions, treatment, and support in New York State. HOPEline can also provide crisis intervention support, including de-escalation and collaboration to connect to 911.
- To contact the HOPEline, you can call 1-877-8-HOPENY (467369) or text HOPENY (467369). All services are free and confidential.

Here are some of the things the HOPEline can do for you:

- Provide information about addiction and problem gambling
- Answer your questions about addiction and problem gambling
- Help you find a treatment provider in your area
- Provide crisis intervention support
- Connect you with other resources in your community
- If you are struggling with addiction or problem gambling, please reach out to the HOPEline for help. You are not alone.

SUICIDE HOTLINE

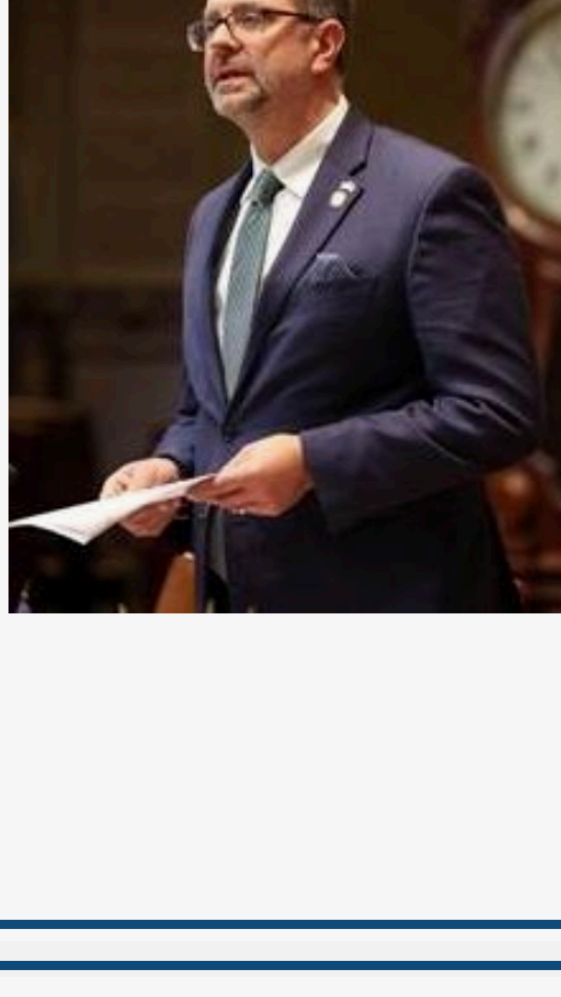
In the midst of the season's joy and warmth, it's crucial to acknowledge that not everyone shares in the wonder. Let's extend our compassion to those who may be struggling quietly. Small acts of kindness, like sharing a cup of coffee, can provide comfort and a deep sense of connection to those in need.

I'd like to introduce you to the 988 hotline, akin to the well-known 911 for mental health crises. Whether one faces anxiety, depression, or any mental health challenge, this hotline offers vital support and guidance.

Remember, you don't have to face tough times alone.

I'm here, ready to listen and offer support any time, day or night. Let's raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, spreading the word about the 988 hotline among your friends and loved ones. Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of those who need it most.

A Message from Keith:



I am honored to represent you in the Assembly and to work toward addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing our community. With heartfelt gratitude, I express my appreciation for your unwavering support and encouragement during my efforts to combat the rising cost of living and crime and ensure a high quality of life in our community and education for our children.

Your support has enabled me to champion initiatives striving to create a more secure and prosperous community. Your invaluable feedback, insights and ideas have been instrumental in shaping my legislative priorities and my unwavering commitment to serving our community.

As we navigate these challenging times, I am committed to working tirelessly toward creating a brighter future for our community. Together, we can overcome any obstacle, and I am confident we will emerge more robust and resilient.

Once again, thank you for supporting and entrusting me with the privilege of serving you in the Assembly.

Your Assemblyman,

Keith P. Brown

Meetings:

July
7/5 – Substance Abuse working group
7/5 – CBH (Coalition for Behavioral Health) Monthly Committee Meeting
7/6 – Monthly meeting with the Village of Northport
7/7 – Meeting with Congressman Lalota's Office, Mayor of Asharoken re: Sea Wall
7/7 – Harbor Walk meeting with TOH and Suffolk County
7/11 – TOH Town Board Meeting
7/14 – SC Addiction Prevention and Support Advisory Panel Meeting
7/19 – Cannabis Control Board Meeting
7/20 – LI Coastal Watershed Webinar
7/20 – Heroin Prevention Task Force Monthly Meeting
7/24 – Preacher Breakfast meeting
7/26 – Substance Abuse Working Group
7/26 – Meeting with the Vanderbilt
7/26 – Meeting with Steve Stern
7/27 – Co-occurring Disorder meeting
7/27 – Call with Harborfields and Mentor NY
7/28 – Meeting with Owen Durney Suffolk County Sheriff's Office
August
8/2 – CBH Substance Use Monthly Meeting
8/2 – Meeting with the VA
8/3 – Monthly Meeting with the Village of Northport
8/4 – SC 1st Precinct Monthly Meeting
8/11 – Halesite Marine Parks Meeting
8/17 – Heroin Task Force Monthly Meeting
8/18 – Washington Spy Tour Meeting
8/21 – Huntington Station Downtown Revitalization Initiative
8/29 – Substance Abuse Workgroup follow up
8/31 – Meeting with Mentor NY and CSH School District
September
9/1 – Meeting with Sen. Mattered and DEC
9/5 – Meeting with LI Cares re: HPNAP, Nourish NY and Legislation
9/6 – Meeting with the East Northport -Northport Library
9/6 – CBH Substance Use Monthly Meeting
9/6 – Monthly meeting with the VA
9/7 – Monthly Meeting with the Village of Northport
9/12 – LIPA Commission Hearing: Suffolk County
9/14 – Co-Occurring Disorder Conference Paper Final Review
9/18 – Harbor Walk meeting
9/20 – Meeting with Cara Longworth re: Harbor Walk
9/21 – Village of Northport BOE meeting
9/22 – Deadly Driving Bill Public Hearing – Albany
9/26 – Criminal Justice Working Group Meeting

Events Attended:

July
7/1 – Seymour's Boatyard 100th Anniversary
7/4 – East Northport Fire Department Parade
7/28 – Northport Hotel Grand Opening Ceremony
7/28 – Troop 12 Court of Honor
August
8/1 – National Night Out
8/5 – Oyster Reef Project
8/9 – Island Harvest Assembly Assemble Day
8/10 – Grace London Citation Presentation
8/11 – The 2023 Boys & Girls State
8/12 – Sporting Goods Drive
8/15 – LI Cares Food Drive
8/18 – Pastor Fritz Jourdain BBQ Church Emmanuel of Long Island
8/24 – Environmental Bond Act Listening Tour
8/31 – Night of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil Northport Village
8/31 – International OD Awareness Press Conference - VON
September
9/2 – Lighthouse Music Festival
9/8 – Oyster Release Party
9/9 – TOH & NENDATF Annual Wellness Walk & Recovery Fair
9/11 – TOB 9/11 Memorial Ceremony
9/11 – CUFSD 22nd Year of Remembrance Ceremony
9/15 – EN 9/11 Candle Vigil
9/15 – Suffolk County Drug Court Graduation
9/16 – St Paraskevi Greek Festival Opening Ceremony
9/21 – Energy Tour led by Sen. Mattered
9/22 – LIFT Legislative Breakfast Meeting
9/22 – LICA Legislative Breakfast meeting
9/23 – Cow Harbor Race
9/25 – Cornell Coop Ext Tour
9/27 – Co-Occurring Disorder White Paper Press Conference



Internship Opportunities

New York State Assemblyman Keith P. Brown's District Office is seeking students who have a strong work ethic and a passion for their community. Interns will have the opportunity to further their education in public service and local government while enhancing their administrative and writing abilities. If you are interested in an internship, please contact John Hagan at haganj@nyassembly.gov.

For any questions or concerns regarding this or any other state/local issues, please feel free to reach out to my District Office: 6080 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 310, Commack, NY 11725
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