



## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**SUBJECT:** Substance Use Disorder Services and Barriers to Accessing Those Services

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to examine substance use disorder services within the context of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019-2020 Enacted Budget

#### **New York City**

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

11:00 A.M.

Assembly Hearing Room  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor, 250 Broadway

Over the past several years, the state of New York has worked to address the heroin and opioid crisis by creating comprehensive legislative bill packages, funding initiatives, and insurance reform. However, according to the Department of Health (DOH), admissions to state certified substance use disorder treatment facilities have continued to increase dramatically. In addition, DOH and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services have reported that the overall opioid overdose death rates across the state have continued to rise. While research has shown evidence-based approaches are the most effective it is equally important to address the many structural barriers and collateral consequences flowing from substance use disorder.

This hearing is intended to examine other substance use disorder services provided by state operated and licensed facilities and treatment and areas of recovery that should be explored. This hearing is also intended to examine the efficacy of former and current initiatives and how they may be improved upon in upcoming years.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. In the absence of a request, witnesses will be scheduled in the order in which reply forms are postmarked.

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**Linda B. Rosenthal**  
**Member of Assembly**  
**Chair**  
**Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on "Substance Use Disorder Services" to be conducted by the Assembly Committee for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.
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