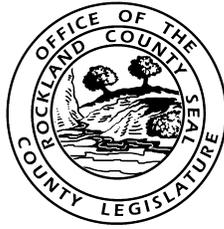


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Legislator Soskin Invites Public To Hear Update On County's Behavioral Health Response Team

New Collaborative Seeks To Help People Experiencing Mental Health Crisis

Discussion Set For 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, Aug. 30

New City, NY (Aug. 26, 2016) – Legislator Phil Soskin (D-Monsey) will hold a discussion Tuesday regarding the county's new Behavioral Health Response Team.

"I invite the public to attend this meeting and learn about this vital new team and how it is helping residents who are experiencing a mental health emergency," Soskin said. "This team has been set up in such a way as to provide an immediate response that keeps the person and their family safe while getting them the help they need quickly."

The Behavioral Health Response Team is a highly-trained crisis management unit that assists local residents, first responders and behavioral health agencies in providing on-scene evaluation, treatment and crisis intervention in the community. The BHRT specializes in providing these services to individuals who are experiencing a mental health emergency and who need, but may be unable, to obtain immediate mental health intervention.

The BHRT, part of Rockland Paramedic Services, works collaboratively with both the emergency department and the Behavioral Health Center at Nyack Hospital, outpatient behavioral health providers, and local police and emergency medical services in Rockland County.

A discussion of the Behavioral Health Response Team will take place during the Legislature's Multi-Services Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 in the Allison-Parris County Office Building, 11 New Hempstead Road in New City.

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