

COMMUNITY NEWS

NS-LIJ's Kraut named to state PHHPC

Jeffrey Kraut, senior vice president for strategy and business informatics at the North Shore-LIJ Health System, has been designated as chair of the state Public Health and Health Planning Council.

The announcement was made by state Health Commissioner Dr. Howard J. Zucker. Kraut succeeds Dr. William Streck, who served as chair for the past 10 years.

Kraut, a resident of East Meadow, was appointed to the state Hospital Review and Planning Council in 2004 and served as its chair from 2007 through 2011, when it was merged with the Public Health Council to form the PHHPC. Since 2011, Kraut has served as its vice chair.

The PHHPC traces its origins to 1913 and today possesses a broad array of advisory and decision-making responsibilities with respect to New York State's public health and health care delivery system. It is charged with adopting and amending the Sanitary Code and health care facility, home care agency, and hospice operating regulations.

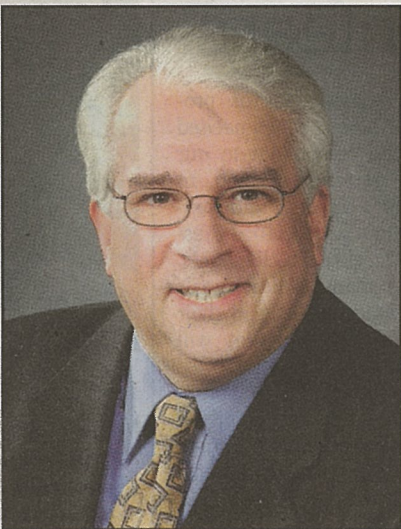
The PHHPC also makes decisions concerning the establishment and transfer of

ownership of health care facilities, home care agencies and hospice programs. It makes recommendations to the commissioner of Health concerning major construction projects, service changes, and equipment acquisitions in health care facilities and home care agencies. It also advises the commissioner on issues related to the preservation and improvement of public health.

Kraut currently serves as a key member of the senior leadership team of the North Shore-LIJ Health System.

Beyond his role in leading the health system's strategy and business informatics efforts, he serves as assistant professor of science education and associate dean for strategy at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine. He joined North Shore-LIJ in 1994.

In addition to his significant activities in health policy, strategy development and analytics, Kraut has been a leader in fostering interoperability and sharing of health data through the development of regional health information organizations. He served as the founding chair of the Long Island Patient Information



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Exchange and facilitated its merger with its New York City counterpart, NYCLIX, to form Healthix, the largest RHIO in New York State.

Kraut is a board member of the American Hospital Association's Society for

Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and serves on the Standards Council of the Commission on Accreditation on Healthcare Management Education.

He was the recipient of the 25th Anniversary Leadership Award of The New York State Society for Health Planning, an organization of which he served as past president. He serves on various committees of the Healthcare Association of New York State, the Greater New York Hospital Association and on the board of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.

Kraut is also involved in regional economic development and community building activities as a board member of the Long Island Regional Planning Council, Sustainable Long Island and The Brookville Center for Children Services. He serves as a health policy advisor to the Long Island Index and ERASE Racism.

Kraut received an MBA in Healthcare Management from Baruch College/Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and is a graduate of Stony Brook University.

Lewis to lecture on being college ready at Adelphi

Lorna R. Lewis will give a lecture entitled "Digging Deeper: Ensuring All Students are College and Career Ready" at Adelphi University on Thursday, March 5, at 5 p.m. in the Alumni House at 154 Cambridge Avenue in Garden City.

The lecture is sponsored by the Robert and Augusta P. Finkelstein Memorial Lecture Series and the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education.

Lewis is widely considered a leader in Nassau County education. She is currently the superintendent of schools in the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District. She also serves as president-elect of the Nassau County Council for School Superintendents and an executive board member of the New York State Council of School Superintendents.

Within the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Lewis has initiated a five-year tracking survey for graduates attending Nassau Community College.

The survey will monitor students in remedial classes, college graduation rates and other fac-



Lorna R. Lewis directs that can help Plainview-Old Bethpage better prepare their students for college and careers.

Lewis has received numerous awards and honors from organizations across Long Island, including the 2012 Educator of the Year award from both the St. John's University chapter of Phi Delta Kappa and the Long Island Black Educators Association. Most recently, she was named a 2015 Nassau BOCES Education Partner, an award given to those who have had a profound effect on public education in Nassau County.

For more information on the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education, visit education.adelphi.edu.



Pictured from left: Steve Chassman, J Positive Connections Peer Navigator, hanna Ramos and state Sen. Phil Boyle

LICADD lobbies in Albany

The Long Island Council On Alcoholism And Drug Dependence gathered a group of friends to travel to the state capital in Albany to advocate for families and individuals who are in recovery and who need to be in treatment on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The topics of discussion revolved around sober home regulation and early prevention through education.

"Sober homes currently are not regulated," said LICADD Executive Director Steve Chassman, who sits on the Suffolk County Recovery Home Oversight Committee. "In order to have an effective and inhabitable sober home there will need to be standards and practices that meet best practices and protocols."

What is a sober home? A sober home is where individuals live after intensive treatment. They move into a home that is safe and free of drugs and alcohol and where they can embrace recovery. This supportive environment provides aftercare and a safe haven for individuals to take the steps needed to continue their journey and reintegrate into the community armed with the coping skills to manage everyday stressors and the pressures of everyday living.

The advocacy effort pressed on to address early prevention through education.

"Schools need access to funds to provide earlier education for increasing protective factors for children at-risk of developing substance abuse issues,"

said Teri Kroll, LICADD's PUSH coordinator.

"Encouraging grass roots community partnerships to provide these services is an effective and low cost solution to a growing problem," added Chassman.

State Sen. Phil Boyle, who headed up the Heroin Task Force in 2014, was in attendance. The task force hosted 18 forums across the state, had more than 2,300 attendees, and listened to more than 60 hours of testimony.

The information and insights from the Task Force resulted in crafting 23 pieces of legislation. These bills supported by Republicans and Democrats will help to encourage prevention, enhance treatment options and strengthen law enforcement.