

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Addonizio & Birmingham**

Tuesday

July 8, 2025

(Immediately Followed 5:30pm Personnel Meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 5:43pm by Chairman Jonke and he requested Legislator Birmingham lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Addonizio, Birmingham, and Chairman Jonke were present.

Item #3 - Acceptance/ Protective Services Meeting Minutes/ May 13, 2025

Chairman Jonke stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 25A060/ Sheriff’s Office/ Grant Award through NYS FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funding from the Division of Criminal Justice Services through the Bureau of Justice Assistance/ Sheriff Kevin McConville

Undersheriff Thomas Lindert stated this is an annual grant award.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 25A060/ Sheriff’s Office/ Grant Award through NYS FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funding from the Division of Criminal Justice Services through the Bureau of Justice Assistance; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #5 – FYI/ Sheriff’s Office/ In accordance to Governor Hochul’s Mandate – The Updated Putnam County Domestic Terrorism Prevention Plan/ Undersheriff Thomas Lindert and Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau Sara Servadio

Chairman Jonke stated he has been informed that this is a highly Confidential Plan. He stated depending on the level of discussion and questions, there may be need for the Executive Session.

Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau Sara Servadio stated June 1, 2025, each County was directed to submit updates to the initial Threat Assessment Plan (Plan) that was submitted approximately 2.5 years ago. She stated that the initial Plan is the one they have been working from, which was submitted by Sheriff McConville and Undersheriff Lindert. She stated they are now operating from the new Plan. She stated the Plan contains highly Confidential information. She stated a copy was brought to the meeting to pass out if that is the wish of the Legislature. She stated if that is the case then she recommended that be done in Executive Session. She explained the Plan would be passed out but must be returned at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Chairman Jonke stated personally he is not involved in Law Enforcement and does not believe he needed the details of the Plan. He stated if any of his colleagues feel the need to know the details, they can call for an Executive Session. He suggested a general overview of the updates be provided.

Legislator Montgomery requested to see a copy of the Plan.

Chairman Jonke stated a copy could be passed out, but based on what has been stated, if there are any questions, an Executive Session would be required.

Legislator Montgomery concurred and stated she would like to see a copy of the plan and she listened to the overview of the updates provided.

Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau Sara Servadio provided each Legislator with a copy of the Plan.

Chairman Jonke reminded his colleagues that the Plan must be collected at the end of this agenda item.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Waive the Rules and Accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Captain of Operations and Communications Michael Knox stated the Plan was written by a consultant in 2022. He stated it was finalized, and they were up and running with that Plan in 2023. He stated during that time period there have been 75 threat assessment cases. He explained that it was discovered that the initial directive from the Governor was not in-line with the cases. He stated the updates made are in line with the cases in Putnam County, and still incorporates the other information if the need were to arise. He stated that is all he is comfortable sharing.

Legislator Montgomery requested that they call for an Executive Session.

5:52p.m.: Chairman Jonke made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential Law Enforcement Information; Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

6:18p.m.: Chairman Jonke made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Chairman Jonke stated there was no action taken in the Executive Session.

Chairman Jonke questioned if any Legislators had a comment.

Legislator Montgomery expressed her appreciation and complimented the Sheriff's Office and the Social Services Department for the work they have done on this Plan and for their collaborated efforts. She stated she believes Putnam County has come a long way in the area of safety for the residents.

Legislator Crowley agreed with Legislator Montgomery's comments and she expressed her appreciation.

Legislator Sayegh stated she agrees with Legislator Montgomery's comments and sentiment that the work being done between the Sheriff's Office and County's Social Services Department is making a positive impact on the safety of the residents. She stated they have placed a critical focus on mental health and the part that it has in the full scope of safety.

Item #6 - Other Business – None

Item #7 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:21PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.