

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA

HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Chairwoman Montgomery, Legislators Addonizio & Russo

Wednesday

July 22, 2026

(Immediately following the Protective Meeting that starts at 6:00 p.m.)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Acceptance of Minutes – February 11, 2026 Meeting
4. Update – Food Insecurity
5. FYI – Collaboration between Mental Health & Probation – Commissioner Sara Servadio and Probation Director John Osterhout (Discussed in Protective Meeting, Item #6)
6. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A066 – Department of Health – School Flu Clinics
7. Discussion – Update – Department of Health – PFAS Pilot Program Quarterly Update – Public Health Director Rian Rodriguez and Associate Public Health Sanitarian Brian Stevens
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

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Wednesday

February 11, 2026

Chairwoman Montgomery stated she doesn't believe the money can be spent until the contract is terminated, which will take time. She questioned if The United States Department of Treasury ("Treasury") had been notified.

Commissioner Carlin stated that this has nothing to do with Treasury, as it's currently an internal matter and so Treasury is only notified when it is reported.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated that this must involve Treasury and be reported to them, as the funds are allocated for public health, in two different categories. She stated her understanding is that the funds cannot simply be moved to infrastructure, and that at the time the funds were allocated, a need was identified and the public was led to believe the \$2.5 million would be spent on public health.

Commissioner Carlin restated that the options for spending are limited, and that Treasury will be addressed when the next quarterly fiscal report is issued.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned what the open ARPA projects are.

Commissioner Carlin stated he'd have to look at the list, but most are infrastructure and if these funds were reallocated to infrastructure, they would have to be spent by September 30.

Legislator Addonizio questioned how many approved projects are available.

Commissioner Carlin stated that there are roughly seventeen or eighteen approved projects, with the majority being infrastructure, of which the Legislature is aware through resolutions.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if the ARPA consultant could provide a list of the projects and stated that he would like the Legislature to be part of the reallocation process. He stated that if there is no option for these funds to be used for public health, he suggests that the Legislature adopt a capital reserve fund and take the funds out of contingency to be used for similar public health projects, as there is a large, unassigned fund balance.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if the funding cannot be used for public health and instead for another open ARPA project, such as paving, then can funds that would have been for capital projects be used for mental health.

Commissioner Carlin stated that is correct but explained the issue is that the stabilization center funding cannot be repurposed to another mental health project that is not already open.

Legislator Regan questioned whether there is an avenue for an appeal or extension, since we are dealing with Treasury.

Commissioner Carlin stated there is not.

Legislator Crowley stated that there was a similar situation with the Sheriff, for the Axon project, where funds could be backfilled in the same way so that they are used rather than losing the federal funding.

Legislator D'Angelo stated that mental health is a serious issue in Putnam County, which more time should be spent on. He stated that the location of the stabilization center was a major issue in his district and he is glad the planning board decided not to move it forward. He questioned if the Fair Street paving project is an open ARPA project.

Commissioner Carlin stated yes, and it's being explored.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if other locations were considered aside from the Carmel location and that this is why she would have wanted the ARPA consultant or other members of the Administration present to be able to answer.

Commissioner Carlin stated he was unsure, but there would not have been enough time anyway to go through another Planning Board process.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated she would like to know if other sites were considered; there's still eleven months to spend the funding, and that she knows of sites in her district, including Philipstown, that are ready to go. She stated wanting to see the language that mentions the funds need to be spent only on open ARPA projects, as she is very familiar with the federal documentation, and perhaps there is an appeal available. She stated that it is her understanding that the contract termination process with People USA has not been started yet, and so, in her opinion, using the \$2.5 million to help people in need is still on the table.

Item #4 - Discussion – Department of Health – Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan 2026 Presentation and Brief on PFAS Pilot Program

Rian Rodriguez, Public Health Director stated that he hopes this session reviewing the community health assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is informative and collaborative and will result in strategies that are impactful to the health and wellness of Putnam County residents.

Supervising Public Health Educator, Shanna Siegel stated that the CHIP presentation will be a brief overview of the status of health and wellness within the community. She stated that primary and secondary data was used to examine how Putnam County is doing overall, and that full reports are available on the county website. She stated that the data shows if Putnam County is doing better or worse than in the past, comparing it to surrounding counties and also to how the county is doing versus state expectations. She stated that some health issues important to the county, such as tick-borne illness is not highlighted here, if they are topics that don't align with NY State's prevention agenda. She stated that for the seven assessment topics presented, the goal was to receive community input through outreach, and then communicate findings with policy makers, agencies and the public. She proceeded in presenting the CHIP presentation attached.

She stated that the assessment shows economic stability and disadvantage underscored many findings over time, such as in healthy eating findings and food insecurity, which has gone up since 2021. She stated that reduced healthy foods access may be contributing to obesity rates and that healthcare access and cost is an ongoing issue. She stated that many community organizations are represented by the coalition of Live Healthy Putnam, which keeps the conversations on these critical topics moving forward.

Director Rodriguez stated the issue of residents not being able to access primary care contributes to a less healthy environment overall, an important issue resonates with him.

Legislator Crowley stated the New York Presbyterian Hospital stopped accepting NY State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP), impacting county employees and leaving their only choice as Putnam Hospital Center.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel stated that insurance changes at Optum had many ripple effects too, impacting areas of the county.

She gave an overview of mental health and substance use findings from the assessment. She stated that adults self-reporting their mental health as fair or poor increased by 23% from 2022 to 2025 and that there was an increase in the three-year average mortality suicide rate. She stated that co-occurring disorders are a key part of the mental health conversation in Putnam County, including substance abuse, overdoses and suicide rates, and that economics, access to care, and food accessibility are all factors of mental health. She stated other findings of concern, including that alcohol and tobacco use in the County is high, 13.4% of students surveyed stated they rode with a drinking driver in the past thirty days and that that HPV vaccination rates are declining.

Director Rodriguez stated the importance of good primary care and that without it, it's harder to obtain good specialty care.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to waive the rules and accept additional. Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel presented a flyer with QR codes that the public can use to see social media information in the topics covered in CHIP and also interact with a survey where they can rank the five health topics most important to them.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the flyer is on social media.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel stated not yet but it's on the Department of Health website.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if the survey is only for County residents.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel confirmed that it is Putnam County specific.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if there is zip code information for economic stability from the assessment.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel stated it isn't available by zip-code, but there are state resource dashboards where you can see certain topics at a hyper local level.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the food pantries in Putnam County have had an increase of people going there.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated the Philipstown food pantry saw a 13.8% increase over 2024 and 177% increase since 2018. She offered to help get the reports from her contacts at the local food pantries to give to the Health Department.

Legislator Addonizio stated that post COVID, food access has become more difficult for families.

Legislator Crowley questioned whether the implementation of the breakfast and lunch programs within school districts has improved according to the survey.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel stated that it is too soon to tell, but they are awaiting new surveys from the schools.

Legislator Regan questioned if there is more current data being worked with in regard to smoking and drinking, as it seems that we are looking at data from 2014.

Public Health Director Rodriguez stated yes, and the behavioral risk survey would give the most recent data regarding marijuana, tobacco and vaping. He stated that other data sources are used but limited by the state's framework and that finding more recent data, like from the Sparks system, will be a focus going forward.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel stated that the data from a long time ago still shows trends with these issues and the assumption can be made, that with stress rising, substance abuse rates would increase in general.

Legislator Regan questioned how many suicides there were in the last 36 months where persons were known to have had interactions with the County.

Supervising Public Health Educator Siegel stated that there are two different ways that data is presented for substance abuse deaths and suicides, and that statistical data from the state was shared tonight for Putnam County residents, but the death may not have occurred in Putnam County. She stated that the coroner provides statistics on the deaths that occur in Putnam County and with data sharing agreements, cases can be discussed and insight gained into whether the victim had touch points within the system, so that they can learn more about how our systems can prevent these things in the future.

Legislator Regan questioned if restaurant inspections and gradings are done in Putnam County.

Public Health Director Rodriguez stated that all restaurants are inspected but grading is not done.

Legislator D'Angelo questioned if certain items could be limited, like junk food for residents using SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to purchase food and stated perhaps resolutions could be proposed urging the state to do something along those lines.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated that the allocation of the \$2.5 million for the stabilization center aligns squarely with this presentation, being that the assessment shows worsening of the mental health crisis and substance use and suicide rates rising, and that further discussions should be in future Health Committee meetings.

Item #5 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A004 – Health Department – Funding for Private Wells PFAS Pilot Program

Public Health Director Rodriguez stated that water quality is an area of focus for the Health Department and The NY State Department of Health, Department of Conservation, and Environmental Facilities Corporation are preparing to roll out a private well PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), or “forever chemicals” testing and mitigation pilot program. This project will launch in a few counties at higher risk for exposure to access the need for a statewide program and the letter of intent was signed at the beginning of the year. He stated that Brian Stevens, Associate Public Health Sanitarian, is present to answer any specific questions regarding the rebate program itself.

Chairwoman Montgomery stated that this project does not create local taxpayer burden and is an important environmental protection measure, as most homeowners rely on private wells.

Legislator Addonizio stated that, within the County there are a lot of lake communities, where wells and septic are within 100 feet of each other and that those homes are grandfathered, because there is no room on their lot to move them. She questioned if this program would help people in those situations.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated yes and that the program allows testing, where if the findings exceed the state standards, the homeowner can hire a plumber to install the treatment and be reimbursed up to a \$5,000 cap, with some exceptions. He stated that if there is not room for a sizeable system, the reimbursement cap is \$1,000 and if there is an option for community water hook-up, the cap would be \$10,000.

Legislator Addonizio questioned what the total cost to the homeowner would be.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated that would depend on the contractor used, and so the homeowner would have to pay the difference and is responsible for ongoing testing.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if we have the staff to manage this program, which includes inspection, oversight and testing.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated that NYS is doing the public education, and their contractors are doing the testing, and so our part is handling the reimbursement paperwork to send to the state and working on reimbursements. He stated that the state is doing the majority of the notifying of residents and mapping of impacted wells.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned if the program has opened up to applicants yet.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated no, but it will in the first half of 2026.

Legislator Russo questioned if there was going to be a certain amount of people allowed to apply for testing.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated there is no cap on that for the year, but the full amount of funding is \$1.5 million. He stated that testing will be set-up only with the money for treatment reimbursement available on the back end, and if someone tests above the level, they have six months to have treatment. He stated if they then do not do treatment, the money goes back into the pool for someone else.

Legislator Sayegh questioned who is eligible.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated that any Putnam County resident who has a private well and water supply that is not currently regulated, which would include a transient well where a small business, like a deli, for example, would also have a private apartment upstairs. He stated community water supplies and big office plazas are already regulated.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if there are PFAS clusters that need immediate attention, such as lake communities.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens confirmed that the state has identified areas where larger supplies are regulated and PFAS was found in testing, and that there will be a mailing to target those areas.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if a test is positive, is the owner required to mitigate even if they do not have the finances beyond this reimbursement, and is the well history going to be found on a public database.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated that it is not required, and data would not be available to the public, but should be available to the Sanitarians of the Health Department.

Legislator D'Angelo questioned if there is a problem with a well system, could the program potentially cover an upgrade to that well system.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated yes, if the water exceeds the maximum contaminant level, the homeowner would hire a contractor to look into what specific treatment is needed.

Legislator D'Angelo questioned if this program is only for single family homes.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated no, it is for any private well.

Legislator D'Angelo questioned if the Legislature was responsible for approving applicants.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated no, it is the NY State Health Department.

Legislator D'Angelo questioned whether Sparrow Ridge and Fairways town home complexes in his district are part of this, as they share the same well and are doing major upgrades to meet the PFAS standards.

Associate Public Health Sanitarian Stevens stated that they are required to put on treatment and that is an issue totally separate from this.

Chairwoman Montgomery called forth Health Department Fiscal Manager William Orr to discuss the fiscal aspects of this program.

Legislator Montgomery questioned why there are disbursements and an increase of estimated revenues for the program of \$300,000 and not \$1.5 million.

Fiscal Manager Orr stated that it is \$1.5 million for five years, and if it goes over, we add money to it, and this is just a budget based on what is expected in the first year.

Public Health Director Rodriguez stated that the budget was allocated equitably over the five-year period, as we don't yet know what the uptake will be, and that this was just to get a baseline.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A009 – Department of Social Services-Mental Health State Aid Allocation

Sara Servadio, Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau, stated that this is something done regularly throughout the year and that money being requested is being passed along to provider agencies.

Chairwoman Montgomery questioned what agencies the funding is going to.

Commissioner Servadio stated that it is for housing and case management.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval- SEQRA Determination Negative Declaration Putnam County Solid Waste Management Plan

Chairwoman Montgomery stated that she is excited about the plan and that there is a now dedicated Solid Waste Manager in the Health Department, Savannah Usher.

Barbara Barosa, Putnam County Planning Commissioner, stated she conducted the environmental review on behalf of the Legislature, as their declared intent to serve as lead agency was in back November and that she is here with a proposed resolution and a negative declaration for the adoption of the plan.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval – Board of Health Reappointment – Luce

Chairwoman Montgomery stated Mrs. Luce filled a vacancy last December, and based on her resume, we are fortunate to have her.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she is a part of the Board of Health, and during the candidate interviewing process there were many very qualified candidates, which was great to see. She stated that in her opinion, Mrs. Luce is very qualified.

Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #9 – Other Business - None

Item #10 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:43pm Chairwoman Montgomery made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Dechiaro, Administrative Assistant.

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Chairwoman Montgomery, Legislators Addonizio & Russo

Wednesday

6:00PM

February 11, 2026

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion – Update – ARPA Allocation to People USA and Stabilization Center alternatives
4. Discussion – Department of Health – Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan 2026 Presentation and Brief on PFAS Pilot Program
5. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A004 – Health Department – Funding for Private Wells PFAS Pilot Program
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 17, 2026

TO: Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

CC: Marlene Barrett
Director, Office for Senior Resources

FROM: Nancy Montgomery
Chair, Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee

RE: July 22, 2026 Health Committee Meeting – Ongoing Food Insecurity Discussion

I am writing to respectfully advise that the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee agenda for July 22 will include a continued discussion regarding food insecurity in Putnam County.

As these conversations continue, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the expertise and perspective that Marlene Barrett, Director of the Office for Senior Resources, has brought to this important topic. Her input has been invaluable in helping the committee better understand the challenges facing our residents and the resources currently available within our community.

While this agenda item is simply a continuation of our ongoing discussion, I wanted to ensure that Director Barrett knew she is more than welcome to attend and participate if her schedule permits. Her experience and insight are always appreciated.

Thank you, and I look forward to continuing this important conversation.

KEVIN BYRNE
County Executive

SARA SERVADIO
Commissioner

NICOLLE MCGUIRE
Deputy Commissioner



cc All
Protective Health 7/22/26

**DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH
SOCIAL SERVICES AND YOUTH BUREAU**

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Daniel Birmingham

CC: Kevin Byrne, County Executive
John Osterhout, Probation Director

From: Sara Servadio, Commissioner 

Date: July 9, 2026

Re: Request to Present New Mental Health – Probation Collaboration

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I respectfully request the opportunity to present to the Health, Social, Educational and Environmental Committee of the Putnam County Legislature on an innovative collaboration between the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Probation that will integrate contracted Recovery Peer Advocates into the Probation continuum of care.

This initiative is designed to improve outcomes for individuals involved in the justice system who are under both pre-sentencing supervision and post-conviction probation. By embedding Recovery Peer Advocates within the probation process, we aim to provide person-centered, recovery-oriented support that address behavioral health needs while promoting stability, engagement, and long-term success.

This collaboration reflects a shared commitment between our departments to intervene early, connect individuals with meaningful support, and improve public safety through evidence informed, recovery focused practices.

Along with Director Osterhout, the mental health team welcomes the opportunity to provide the Legislature with an overview of this partnership, discuss its implementation, and answer any questions regarding its anticipated impact on our community. Zero fiscal impact.

ALEXANDRA GORDON.
Acting Commissioner of Finance



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

July 15, 2026

Ms. Diane Trabulsy, Clerk
Putnam County Legislature
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

Dear Ms. Trabulsy,

Pursuant to Code Section 5-1, A dated February 14, 2010, I am advising you of the following request to amend the Putnam County Sheriff's 2026 budget:

Increase Revenues:

11025000	Health Nursing Flu	
434011	State Aid Public Health	<u>\$ 6,480</u>

Increase Expenses:

11025000	Health Nursing Flu	
54330	Medical Supplies	<u>\$ 18,000</u>

Decrease County Contingency:

10199000	Contingency	
54980	Contingency	<u>\$ 11,520</u>

2026 Fiscal Impact - \$ 11,520.

2027 Fiscal Impact - 0

Due to an increase in nursing staff and longstanding success of the flu program, the Putnam County Department of Health will be resuming School Flu Clinics in the fall of 2026 and respectfully requests the use of additional funds to purchase an adequate supply of vaccines needed to meet the strong demand from county residents and schools.

Please forward to the appropriate committee.

AUTHORIZATION:

Date	Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation by \$0 - \$5,000.00
Date	County Executive/Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00
Date	Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0 - \$10,000.00
Date	Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

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RIAN RODRIGUEZ, MPH
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR



KEVIN M. BYRNE
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alexandra Gordon

FROM: William A. Orr, Jr. 

DATE: July 14, 2026

RE: **Budgetary Amendment**

Please review and approve this Budgetary Amendment for the following Health Department account in our Flu division.

Increase Revenue: 11025000-434011 \$ 6,480.00
State Aid Public Health

Total Increase Revenue **\$6,480.00**

Increase Expense: 11025000-54330 \$18,000.00
Medical Supplies

Total Increase Expense **\$18,000.00**

Decrease County Contingency: **\$11,520.00**

Total Fiscal Impact **\$11,520.00**

See Attached backup Justification.

JUSTIFICATION FOR FLU VACCINE BUDGET INCREASE

At the time the 2026 budget was SUBMITTED IN July 2025, the Nursing division was down four full-time nursing positions and therefore was unable to staff school flu clinics in 2026. In the fall of 2025, after more than two years of trying to fill the vacancies, four nurses were hired. Due to the increase in nursing staff, and the long standing success of the school flu program, in addition to demand from Putnam County residents and schools, PCDOH is happy to announce the resumption of the school clinics for the fall of 2026. Adding these clinics into the 2026 schedule triples the total number of flu clinics for the season, requiring us to purchase enough vaccines to meet the demand from the public and schools, and therefore exceeding our initial budget.

#7.

Mary Dechiaro

From: Mary Dechiaro
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 2:57 PM
To: Mary Dechiaro
Subject: FW: Memo From Legislator Montgomery To County Executive Byrne - Request for Update - PFAS Private Well Mitigation Pilot Program

From: Rian Rodriguez <Rian.Rodriguez@putnamcountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 3:19 PM
To: Mary Dechiaro <Mary.Dechiaro@putnamcountyny.gov>
Cc: Brian Stevens <Brian.Stevens@putnamcountyny.gov>; Shanna Siegel <Shanna.Siegel@putnamcountyny.gov>
Subject: Re: Memo From Legislator Montgomery To County Executive Byrne - Request for Update - PFAS Private Well Mitigation Pilot Program

Hello Mary,
I hope this response finds you well. Noted, Brian and I will be available for updates on the 22nd.
Wellness always,
Rian

From: Mary Dechiaro <Mary.Dechiaro@putnamcountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, 07 July 2026 14:56:23
To: Rian Rodriguez <Rian.Rodriguez@putnamcountyny.gov>
Subject: RE: Memo From Legislator Montgomery To County Executive Byrne - Request for Update - PFAS Private Well Mitigation Pilot Program

Hi Rian,
I hope you are doing well.
Our next Health Committee Meeting is on Wednesday 7/22. The Protective Committee Meeting is at 6:00 p.m., and Health is scheduled immediately after.

The Health Committee requested quarterly updates on the PFAS program (per memorandum dated 4/1/26).

Are you, and/ or Brian able to attend on 7/22 to provide a quarterly update?

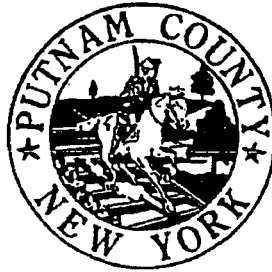
I attached the prior memorandum for your reference.

Thanks in advance, Mary

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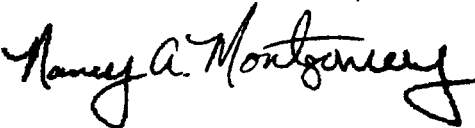
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2026

TO: Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive

CC: Rian Rodriguez, Public Health Director, Health Department
Shanna Siegel, Supervising Public Health Educator, Health Department
Brian Stevens, Associate Public Health Sanitarian, Health Department

FROM: Nancy Montgomery
Chair, Health Committee 

RE: Request for Health Department Update - PFAS Private Well Mitigation Pilot Program

At the February 10, 2026 Health Committee meeting, Health Department Director Rian Rodriguez, Supervising Public Health Educator Shanna Siegel, and Associate Public Health Sanitarian Brian Stevens presented on the New York State Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program. At that time, the Committee requested a quarterly update on the program's status and implementation.

In advance of the April 8, 2026, Health Committee meeting, I respectfully request that a representative of the Health Department attend to provide a quarterly update and overview of the program, including implementation progress and anticipated next steps.

As the Committee considers the accompanying resolution to increase estimated revenues (Revenue Line: 12401000 416016) in the amount of \$300,000 for 2026, additional clarity would be helpful in the following areas, as part of the requested update:

- **Funding structure:**
 - Clarification on how the \$300,000 allocation relates to the State's referenced \$1.5 million in available funding
- **Program administration:**
 - Anticipated administrative responsibilities for the Health Department, particularly given the level of public interest

- Staffing capacity, inspection and testing oversight, and reimbursement processing - do we have the capacity?
- **Public outreach and accessibility:**
 - How residents are notified of program availability
 - Coordination with existing Department of Health well testing data
 - Identification of impacted areas or potential PFAS clusters

This resolution presents an important opportunity to leverage state funding to support Putnam County residents who rely on private wells and may be impacted by PFAS contamination. Notably, this program does not create a local taxpayer burden and provides meaningful public health and environmental benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Attachment

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #47

Introduced by Legislator: Nancy Montgomery on behalf of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee at a Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2026.

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APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A004) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRIVATE WELLS PFAS TESTING AND MITIGATION REBATE PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Public Health Director requested budgetary amendment (26A004) to fund the Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program;

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor, the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) state the goal of this program is to improve water quality by providing financial assistance to assess and mitigate PFAS contaminants specific in private drinking water supplies where no specific industrial source of the contamination nor responsible party has been or can be identified; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental and Audit & Administration Committees have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

12401000 54558 EHS – PFAS Private Well Disbursements 300,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

12401000 416016 EHS – PFAS Private Well Mitigation 300,000

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

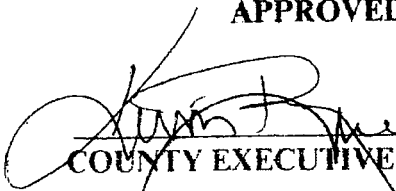
BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & SAYEGH WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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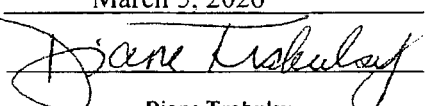
APPROVED


COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on March 3, 2026.

Dated: March 5, 2026

Signed: 

Diane Trabulsy

Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County