

Press Advisory - Senator Golden and Senator Felder Co-Host NYC Roundtable on Heroin and Opioid Addiction

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## STATE SENATE TASK FORCE SETS NYC ROUNDTABLE ON HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Brooklyn – State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn), will join Senator Simcha Felder (D-C, Brooklyn) in co-hosting a New York State Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction on Thursday, May 1, 2014 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room on the 19<sup>th</sup> Floor at 250 Broadway, Manhattan.

The forum, part of a series of meetings held throughout the State, will solicit input on the rise in the use of heroin and prescription drugs, and develop legislative recommendations for treating and preventing addiction and its consequences.

The roundtable participants, which are listed below, are from a variety of counseling, health and community organizations. Senator Phil Boyle (R-C-I, Suffolk County) is the Task Force Chairman.

- \*Dr. Andrew Kolodny, Chief Medical Officer, Phoenix House Foundation
- \*James Hollywood, Assistant Vice President of Residential Services, Samaritan Village
- \*Dr. Bradford Goff, Psychiatrist. Lutheran Medical Center
- \*Gary Butchen, Executive Director, Bridge Back to Life Center

- \*Karen Carlini, Associate Director, Dynamic Youth Community
- \*William McGoldrick, Attorney at Law
- \*William Fusco, Executive Director, Dynamic Youth Community
- \*Ruchama Clapman, Founder and Executive Director, Mothers and Fathers Aligned Saving Kids
- \*Henry Bartlett, Executive Director, Committee of Methadone Program Administrators of New York State
- \*Dr. Hillary Kunins, Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- \*Linda Sarsour, Executive Director, Arab American Association of New York
- \*Rabbi Simcha Feuerman, Director of Operations, OHEL Children's Home and President of Nefesh (International Network of Orthodox Jewish Mental Health Professionals)