



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Phillips To Host Panel Discussion On Heroin and Opioid Addiction

ELAINE PHILLIPS July 13, 2017



As a member of the Senate Heroin and Opioid Addiction Task Force, Senator Elaine Phillips will be holding a Panel discussion on Wednesday, July 19 in Mineola to discuss the ongoing epidemic of heroin abuse on Long Island. The Task Force is holding hearings around the state to continue efforts to combat the widespread problem.

“The heroin and opioid epidemic is destroying lives. We must continue giving law enforcement and treatment providers stronger tools and additional resources to deal with

this crisis,” said Senator Phillips. “Earlier this year the Senate passed legislation that builds upon the progress we’ve made, but we must continue our aggressive fight to keep up with the needs of those trapped in this epidemic.”

There has been a dramatic increase in heroin and opioid-based drug use on Long Island with Nassau and Suffolk topping the list of county-wide deaths in New York.

“Heroin and opioid addiction continues to be the highest growing epidemic in our nation. We are losing the battle and communities all across Long Island have stories of the devastation this addiction leaves in its wake,” said Senator Phillips. “Senators George Amedore and Chris Jacobs, Co-Chairmen of the Task Force, as well as community leaders, law enforcement, health care professionals, parents and victims will discuss how we can come together as a community to identify the programs and tools needed to prevent further senseless deaths.”

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Time: 3:30 P.M. Registration

4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Panel Discussion

Location: NYU Winthrop Hospital Research & Academic Center

Address: 101 Mineola Boulevard, Mineola, New York

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