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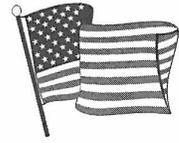
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HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

March 4, 2026

Present: M. Bufano, S. Hazell, T. Smith, Y. Alvarez, M. Musano, D. Hunt, T. Salimbene. N. Rosario

Absent: R. Barbarelli, J. Thomas

Guests: M. Castaldo (Hospice of New York), J. Thigpen (Alzheimer's Association), T. Phillips (Alzheimer's Association)

Chair Hunt commended the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Castaldo spoke to the committee regarding the Hospice of New York which is seeking more volunteers. The volunteer program needs volunteers to help with patients. Volunteers converse and act as a liaison with patients and administration. Volunteers provide friendship and communication to the patient and the caregivers as a part of the organization. Volunteers also assist with visits, reading and drafting letters, organizing transportation, errands, meals, and organizational housekeeping.

J. Thigpen and T. Phillips presented their organization, the Alzheimer's Association, to the Committee. The median age of an Alzheimer's patient is 54. Women are more likely to contract the disease than men. Two thirds of all cases are women. African American people are twice as likely to have the disease. Hispanics and one and a half times likely to have the disease. Risk factors are age, genes and lifestyle circumstances such as your diet. The presentation will be available on the Community Board website.

The committee meeting closed at roughly 8:10 p.m.