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Senator Metzger Presents Annette Kahrs of Tri-County Partnership with Senate Commendation for Hope Not Handcuffs Initiative

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Orange County, NY... Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) this past week presented a New York State Senate Commendation award to Annette Kahrs, President of the [Tri-County Community Partnership](#) and Program Director of the [Hope Not Handcuffs Hudson Valley](#) program, in which participating police departments and trained community volunteers work together to

help people battling substance use disorder get the treatment they need. Middletown Police Chief John Ewanciw, Sergeant Allen Faust of the Goshen Police Department, and Chief Dominick Blasko of the Crawford Police Department were also in attendance, and are among the twelve Orange County Police Departments currently participating in the program.

“Tackling the opioid crisis takes us all working together, and this is a remarkable community volunteer program that provides compassionate assistance to those struggling with substance use disorder,” **said Senator Metzger.** “Annette Kahrs is most deserving of this Senate Commendation for her leadership in nurturing and expanding this life-saving program in the Hudson Valley, and I thank all of the volunteers and participating police departments who are helping to connect people with the treatment they need.”

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women’s Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

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