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Legislator Anker Attends 5th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Program at Northport VA

Legislator Anker with John A. Sperandeo, LCSW Chief SW & Chaplain Service, Amanda Sokolowski, LCSW MST Coordinator and SAAM Co-Chair, Niki Richichi, LCSW Co-Chair, Dean Carbonetti, LCSW, Christine Breyer, LCSW, Nicole Mauro, LCSW, Juliet Ahl, LMSW, Michele Speranza, LMSW, Suzanne Bobko, LCSW, Tara Brunswick, LCSW, Nicholas Lombardi, LMSW

Northport, New York- On April 1, 2015, Legislator Sarah Anker attended the 5th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Program at the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

"It was an honor to attend the 5th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Program," said Legislator Anker. "The Northport VA has more than thirty military sexual assault counselors and provides free care for mental health and physical conditions resulting from sexual assault in the military. I am grateful that our veterans have access to these much-needed services."

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The Northport Military Sexual Trauma (MST) program serves veterans who are engaged in either one-to-one counseling or group therapy. There are approximately 30 active MST counselors providing these therapeutic services and assisting with referrals, education, advocacy and support.

For more information, please visit www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp.