

## INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/ PROGRAM/ EVENT:

**Note: Any program since last year's deadline is eligible.**

**Category: (Please circle or highlight the category for which this program is being submitted.)**

- Women - Education - Community - International - Cultural - Diversity - Public Policy

**Title: HPV Vaccine: Mandated or Not?**

Part I:

- Other community groups involved, if any (list):(5 points) see attached**
- Number of members involved in planning or putting on the program (5 points) 10**
- Number of nonmembers involved in the program (5 points) 4**
- Number of members who attended or benefitted (5 points) 23**
- Number of nonmembers who attended or benefitted (5 points) 24**
- Number of new members who joined (if any)(5 points) 2**

Part II:

**Describe your project/ program/ event in 75-150 words. Be sure to include:**

- how the project addressed AAUW's mission (15 points)**
- branch goals in doing this program (10 points)**
- specific action steps in planning this program (15 points)**
- steps taken for community visibility (Attach newsletter and newspaper articles.)(10 points)**
- measurable impact on the community (10 points)**
- lessons learned for future programs/ projects/ events (10 points)**

**Attach copies of newsletter and newspaper articles about this project/ program/ event.**

(No more than 4 pages maximum)

**Mail or email the original of your entire application with supporting materials to:**

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## ROCKLAND COUNTY AAUW HEALTH AND WELLNESS APPLICATION

### Part I - Other Community Groups

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Rockland Indian Nurses Association

### Part II - Program Description

In order to educate the community intelligently, the committee read articles and reviewed research on the HPV vaccine and provided unbiased information to the community to help their decision making. The committee sought a diverse panel of experts, medical specialists, legislators, healthcare professionals, and parents to participate in a panel discussion. Since the mandating of the HPV vaccine was aimed at girls only, the program advanced equity for women and girls through education.

#### Branch goals addressed were:

- to increase member engagement - the topic appealed to all generations but especially to parents of teenagers and young adults and to grandparents
- to increase visibility - announced that AAUW is interested in issues for women of all ages

#### Specific Action Steps

The committee researched the topic, identified stakeholders, set a date, invited stakeholders, developed a marketing plan and assigned tasks.

**Community visibility** was achieved with a feature article in the newsletter, announcements in the branch newsletter, announcements to participating community groups, phone banks, contacts with schools and Girl Scout troops.

**Community impact** was determined by the robust question and answer session and by follow-up choices made by attendees as per their testimony.

#### Lessons learned:

Importance of more inclusive advertising : flyer could have been more inclusive visually  
Community need for health care dialogue on this new issue to make informed decisions.

# Women's panel to tackle HPV

## Library plans forum on a debated vaccine for cervical cancer

Jane Lerner  
The Journal News

**NANUET** — The controversial vaccine to prevent cervical cancer will be the topic of a panel discussion scheduled for Saturday at the Nanuet Public Library.

**"HPV Vaccine — Mandated or Not?"** will be discussed by physicians, nurses, parents and others in a panel sponsored by the Rockland branch of the American Association of University Women.

"It's a very important and timely topic," said Joyce Brown, immediate past president of the group.

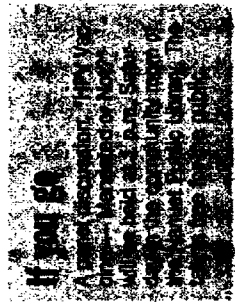
"We hope it will be a very lively discussion."

The human papillomavirus is a common virus transmitted during sexual contact. The virus, called HPV for short, is thought to be responsible for most cases of cervical cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Every year, about 12,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and almost 4,000 women die from this disease in the United States, the federal agency said.

The vaccine is effective in preventing 70 percent of the strains of HPV that cause cancer, according to the agency.

The vaccine is now recommended for girls as young as 11 and 12. Doctors think it is most ef-



grade. But those efforts were overturned in Texas after parents complained. Virginia also gave parents the choice of opting out of the requirement.

As of this month, 12 states have proposed HPV-related legislation or resolutions, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Two years ago, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, D-Scarsdale, proposed making the vaccine mandatory for "children born after Jan. 1, 1996."

The proposal is still pending. Some parents contend that they don't want to be forced to get the vaccine for their children.

Others worry that vaccinating young girls against a sexually transmitted disease could lead to promiscuity.

Those are among the issues that will be discussed at the forum in Nanuet.

The panel will include Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, D-Suffern; Rockland Legislator Connie Coker, D-South Nyack; Dr. Lissa Francois, a gynecologist in the Bronx; Aney Paul, head of the Indian Nurses Association of New York; other health care professionals; and parents.

The goal of the panel is to encourage debate and to share information, not to advocate one view or another, Brown said.

"We want to get the information out there and discuss it in a thoughtful way," she said.

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## Program

Welcome ..... Tasha Scott, Moderator  
RN and Legal Nurse  
Consultant

The Facts on HPV ..... Lissa Francois, MD, FACOG

Introduction of Panelist ..... Tasha Scott, Moderator

Panelist Forum .....  
Lissa Francois, MD, FACOG, Vinh Philip Pham, MD, Ph.D.,  
Ellen Jaffee, Assembly Woman, 95<sup>th</sup> District,  
Connie Coker, Legislator, Rockland Co.,  
Judith Galo, Senior Vice President, Patient Services at Planned Parenthood,  
Dominique Charles-Martin, Informed Parent, Melissa Guardaro, Informed Parent,  
Judi Doherty, RN, Michele Paul, RN,  
Aney Paul, MPH and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Roundtable Questions and Answers ..... Tasha Scott, Moderator

Summary ..... Vicki Ross-Norris, Ed.D.  
Educator

*The opinions of the panelist are not those of AAUW. This program is solely for educational purposes.*