

County of Albany

112 State Street
Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 7, 2020

6:00 PM

Held Remotely

Health Committee

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Sponsors: Health Committee

2. AMENDING THE 2020 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

Sponsors: Health Committee



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November 10, 2020

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
 Albany County Legislature
 112 State St., Rm. 710
 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a one year contract with Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) for the provision of psychiatrist and nurse practitioner mental health services to patients being served at the Albany County Department of Mental Health, ACT Team and the Albany County Correctional Facility. Contract is not to exceed \$1,963,500 annually.

Feel free to contact Sarah Cantwell or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
 Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
 Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
 Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
 Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



Legislation Text

File #: TMP-2081, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Contract Authorization for PGA (Psychiatric Group of Albany) for the provision of psychiatric services to patients served by Albany County Department Mental Health

Date: November 10, 2020
Submitted By: Mark Gleason
Department: Mental Health
Title: Operations Analyst
Phone: 518-447-3014
Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Dr. Stephen Giordano Director

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe

- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) Hilton Road, Slingerlands NY 12159

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee:

\$1,963,500

Scope of Services:

For the provision of psychiatric services to patients served by Albany

County Department Mental Health

Bond Res. No.:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption:

Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service:

Yes No

If Mandated Cite Authority:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact:

Yes No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: AA4310.44248

Appropriation Amount: \$1,963,500

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: 100%

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2021-12/31/2021

Length of Contract: 12 Months

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 537

Date of Adoption: 12/5/2019

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a one year contract renewal/extension with Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) for the provision of psychiatrist and nurse practitioner mental health services to patients being served at the Albany County Department of Mental Health, ACT Team and the Albany County Correctional Facility. Contract is not to exceed \$1,963,500 annually.

Thomas Qualtere MD manages Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA); Dr. Qualtere has been providing services to the Albany County Department of Mental Health for 27 years. The advantage of this arrangement is that there has been a high quality of psychiatric care and stability of services to our patients. Dr. Qualtere provides clinical management of the entire PGA psychiatric team and coordinates time off for his staff for sufficient coverage for our patient's needs.

RESOLUTION NO. 537

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Introduced: 12/2/19
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Psychiatric Group of Albany regarding psychiatrist and mental health nurse practitioner services for patients at the Department of Mental Health, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team, and the Albany County Correctional Facility in the amount of \$1,925,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that Psychiatric Group of Albany will provide high quality psychiatric care and stability of services to patients served by the Department of Mental Health, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Psychiatric Group of Albany, Slingerlands, NY 12159 regarding psychiatrist and mental health nurse practitioner services for patients at the Department of Mental Health, ACT Team, and the Albany County Correctional Facility in an amount not to exceed \$1,925,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 492

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Introduced: 12/7/20
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Psychiatric Group of Albany regarding psychiatrist and mental health nurse practitioner services for patients at the Department of Mental Health, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team, and the Albany County Corrections & Rehabilitative Services Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,963,500 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that Psychiatric Group of Albany will provide high quality psychiatric care and stability of services to patients served by the Department of Mental Health, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Psychiatric Group of Albany, Slingerlands, NY 12159 regarding psychiatrist and mental health nurse practitioner services for patients at the Department of Mental Health, ACT Team, and the Albany County Corrections & Rehabilitative Services Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,963,500 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.



DANIEL P. McCOY
County Executive

ELIZABETH F. WHALEN, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

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December 1, 2020

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is a Request for Legislative Action (RLA) for the December meeting of the Legislature. Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) requests permission to amend resolution 303 of 2020 and amend the 2020 budget. We are requesting to transfer \$180,000 into our overtime line to cover overtime expenses due to COVID-19 response activities. In resolution 303 of 2020, \$110,000 was mistakenly transferred into On Call Pay, instead of Overtime, we would like to correct this error. This funding for overtime comes from multiple grants from NYSDOH Emergency Preparedness programs.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Minority Counsel

Enclosures



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-2114, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Request to Amend Resolution 303 for 2020 and Amend the 2020 Health Dept Budget

Date: 12/1/2020
 Submitted By: Dr. Elizabeth Whalen
 Department: Health
 Title: Commissioner of Health
 Phone: 518-447-4584
 Department Rep.
 Attending Meeting: Dr. Elizabeth Whalen

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: A94010.1.9900 Overtime
Source of Funds: NYSDOH
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.
Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

File #: TMP-2114, Version: 1

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: 4010.1.9900, 4010.1.9982, 4010.4.4046
Appropriation Amount: \$180,000

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: 100%
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.
Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes No
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 303 of 2020
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Albany County Department of Health requests permission to amend resolution 303 of 2020 and amend the 2020 budget. We are requesting to transfer \$180,000 into our overtime line to cover overtime expenses due to COVID-19 response activities. In resolution 303 of 2020, \$110,000 was mistakenly transferred into On Call Pay, instead of Overtime, we would like to correct this error. This funding for overtime comes from multiple grants from NYSDOH Emergency Preparedness programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 303

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. REGARDING COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2020 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUDGET

Introduced: 9/14/20

By Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney, Beston, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Cleary, Commisso, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Efekoro, Ethier, Fein, Kuhn, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLaughlin, McLean Lane, Messrs. Miller, O'Brien, Peter, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Simpson, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health has indicated that the New York State Department of Health/Health Research, Inc. (NYSDOH/HRI), has made grant funding available in an amount not to exceed \$830,466 for COVID-19 response activities for a term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated these funds will be used to increase health department staff in order to provide rapid and complete case investigations by creating four positions, three positions as case investigators and one position for community education regarding mask and social distancing compliance, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner further requested a budget amendment to increase the overtime line which is currently negative and to increase equipment/supply lines for the new employees, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health/Health Research, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$830,466 for COVID-19 response activities for a term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2020 Department of Health Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3343 COVID19 Epidemiology by \$124,382

Decrease Appropriation Account A4010.4 by \$50,000 by decreasing Line Item 4010 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$50,000

Increase Appropriation Account A4010.1 by \$161,182 by increasing the following line items:

Create and increase Line Item A4010 1 2120 001 Registered Nurse II by \$12,838 with an annual salary of \$56,700

Create and increase Line Item A4010 1 2802 002 Public Health Educator by \$12,328 with an annual salary of \$54,447

Create and increase Line Item A4010 1 3192 002 Disease Intervention Specialist II by \$12,967 with an annual salary of \$57,269

Create and increase Line Item A4010 1 3192 003 Disease Intervention Specialist II by \$13,049 with an annual salary of \$57,629

Increase Line Item A4010 1 9982 Overtime by \$110,000

Increase Appropriation Account A4010.2 by \$13,200 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4010 2 2001 Office Equipment by \$6,000

Increase Line Item A4010 2 2050 Computer Equipment by \$7,200

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 9/14/20

