

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 3, 2022

5:00 PM

Held Remotely

Health Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
2. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES
3. LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

CURRENT BUSINESS:

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS
5. AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 27, 2022

5:00 PM

Held Remotely

Health Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: Raymond F. Joyce, Dustin M. Reidy, Robert J. Beston, Zach Collins, Alison McLean Lane, Matthew J. Miller, Frank A. Mauriello, Sean E. Ward and Wanda F. Willingham

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting's minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

This Local Law was tabled at the request of the Sponsor.

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

This proposal was tabled at the request of the Committee.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

4. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 173 FOR 2020 REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE COVID RELIEF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROJECT FOR VETERANS AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.



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October 27, 2021

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
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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 \$2,042,040 annually.

Feel free to contact Mark Gleason 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



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-2858, **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: October 15, 2021
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: \$2,042,040
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: \$2,042,040

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) 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

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: #492

Date of Adoption: 12/7/2020

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 \$2,042,040 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 28 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. 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.

LOCAL LAW NO. “K” FOR 2021

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

Introduced: 9/13/21

By: Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney and Domalewicz, Beston, Bruschi, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Cleary, Commisso, Efekoro, Ethier, Fein, R. Joyce, Kuhn, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLaughlin, Mclean Lane, Messrs. Miller, Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Simpson and Smith:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, as follows:

SECTION 1: TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as “The Albany County Prescription Opioid Safe Disposal Law.”

SECTION 2: PURPOSE AND INTENT

In 2017, this honorable body authorized the County Attorney to join litigation against major drug manufacturers to recover current and future damages to the County taxpayers from abuse of opioid pharmaceuticals. Since then, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to an increase in drug-related overdoses in the County. Any reduction in the availability of opioid medications by persons for which the drugs were not prescribed will assist the efforts of ending the opioid epidemic. Proper safe disposal of unused opioids is essential to being certain the drugs do not end up in the wrong hands, or in our environment.

Portable personal use pharmaceutical disposal systems enable the safe and environmentally friendly deactivation of the harmful chemical compounds in opioids. These inexpensive devices can assist in the proper disposal of opioids if provided to wherever a prescription is filled. Under the Albany County Prescription Opioid Safe Disposal Law, points of distribution for prescription opioids within the County will be required to provide each patient with a portable personal use pharmaceutical disposal system with each opioid prescription. Placing prescription opioid disposal systems directly in the hands of patients when the prescription is delivered will provide a more immediate and efficient opportunity for patients to deactivate and properly dispose of prescribed opioids thereby further mitigating the adverse effects of opioids on our County residents and the community.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

3.1 “Controlled opioid” means each opioid-related drug and other substance listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) of Schedule II of Section 1308.12 of Part 1308-Schedules of Controlled Substances of Title 21 of the code of Federal Regulations.

3.2 “Deliver” or “delivery” means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer from one person to another of a prescribed opioid, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

3.3 “Dispense” means to deliver a prescribed opioid to an ultimate user, including by means of the internet, and includes the packaging, labelling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for delivery.

3.4 “Internet” means, collectively, computer and telecommunications facilities which comprise the worldwide network of networks that employ a set of industry standards and protocols, or any predecessor or successor protocol to such protocol, to exchange information of all kinds. “Internet,” as used in this Local Law, also includes other networks, whether private or public, used to transmit information by electronic means.

3.5 “Non-retrievable” means the condition or state to which an Opioid shall be rendered following a process that permanently alters that Opioid’s physical or chemical condition or state through irreversible means and thereby renders the Opioid unavailable and unusable for all practical purposes. An Opioid is considered “Non-retrievable” when it cannot be transformed to a physical or chemical condition or state as a controlled substance, as defined in 21 C.F.R. 802(6), or controlled substance analogue, as defined in 21 C.F.R. 802(32)(A).

3.6 “Opioid” means any drug or other substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability.

3.7 “Person” means individual, institution, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

3.8 “Pharmaceutical disposal system” means a portable product designed for personal use by the ultimate user for the purpose of allowing the ultimate user of a prescribed opioid to deactivate the prescribed opioid to a non-retrievable condition or state.

3.8 “Practitioner” means a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other person licensed or otherwise permitted under law to dispense a prescribed opioid. Such person shall be deemed a “practitioner” only as to such substances, or conduct relating to such substances, as is permitted by his or her license, permit or otherwise permitted by law.

3.9 “Prescribed opioid” means any controlled opioid dispensed pursuant to a prescription by a practitioner.

3.10 “Prescription” shall mean an official New York state prescription, an electronic prescription, an oral prescription, an out-of-state prescription, or any one of the foregoing.

3.11 “Ultimate user” means a person who has lawfully obtained, and who possesses, a prescribed opioid for his or her own use or for the use of a member of his or her household.

SECTION 4: PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

4.1 Simultaneously with the delivery of a prescribed opioid in the County to an ultimate user, the person authorized by law to dispense such prescribed opioid must also simultaneously deliver to the ultimate user a pharmaceutical disposal system.

4.2 No person delivering a pharmaceutical disposal system to an ultimate user pursuant to Section 4.1 of this Local Law may charge the ultimate user a fee or other monetary amount for the pharmaceutical disposal system itself, the delivery of the pharmaceutical disposal system to the ultimate user, or any other cost incurred by such person with respect to his, her or its compliance with Section 4.1 of this Local Law.

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT

The County Department of Health is hereby granted and shall have the authority to enforce this Local Law on behalf of the County. The County Department of Health may coordinate enforcement with the County Department of Consumer Affairs.

SECTION 6: PENALTIES

Upon a violation of this Local Law the County Department of Health is hereby authorized to enforce this Local Law by exercise of any one or more of its powers granted to it under the New York State Public Health Law and regulations thereunder, including, without limitation, imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) upon a person for any and each and every violation of, or failure to comply with, any provision of this Local Law.

SECTION 7: AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

7.1 The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health (“Commissioner”) is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems necessary to implement this law.

7.2 Any rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner shall provide a mechanism for covering the costs associated with the pharmaceutical disposal

systems, with such costs being covered out of any settlement related to the lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies.

SECTION 8: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

8.1 In adopting and implementing this Local Law, the County assumes an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. The County does not assume or impose upon its officials and employees an obligation by which any one or more of them could be liable in money damages to any person or entity who claims that a breach proximately caused injury.

8.2 This Local Law shall be construed so as not to conflict with applicable federal or state laws, rules or regulations. Nothing in this Local Law shall authorize any County bureau or department to impose any duties or obligations in conflict with limitations on municipal authority established by state or federal law at the time such bureau or department action is taken. The County shall suspend enforcement of this Local Law to the extent that said enforcement would conflict with any preemptive state or federal legislation subsequently adopted.

8.3 Nothing in this Local Law is intended to protect anticompetitive or collusive conduct nor shall this Local Law be construed to modify, impair, or supersede the operation of any antitrust law or unfair competition law of the State of New York or the United States.

8.4 This Local Law shall be construed in accordance with New York State law, including, without limitation, Title 15 (Storage, Treatment, Disposal and Transportation of Regulated Medical Waste) of Article 27 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and shall not be construed in any way that would result in conflict with or preemption by any state law.

8.5 This Local Law shall be null and void on the date that statewide or federal legislation goes into effect, incorporating either the same or substantially similar provisions as are contained in this Local Law, or in the event that a pertinent state or federal administrative agency issues and promulgates regulations preempting such action by the County. The County Legislature may determine by resolution whether or not identical or substantially similar statewide legislation has been enacted for the purposes of triggering the provisions of this Section 6.5.

SECTION 9: STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT COMPLIANCE

The County Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this Local Law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and/or (27) of Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the New York Environmental Conservation Law as a promulgation of

regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, or business shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its specific application.

SECTION 11: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall become effective as provided in Municipal Home Rule Law §27.

Referred to Law and Health Committees – 9/13/21

RESOLUTION NO. 51

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. “K” FOR 2021 A
LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID
MEDICATIONS**

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney and Domalewicz:

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of the County of Albany that a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. “K” for 2021, “A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS” to be held remotely by the Albany County Legislature at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with participation information to be made available on the Albany County website, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published containing the necessary information in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

Referred to Law and Health Committees – 2/14/22



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January 31, 2022

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

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Mental Health Department requests permission to amend our 2022 budget in order to allocate workforce development funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health. Due to the tremendous strain on the Behavioral Health System, at this time it has become more challenging to recruit and retain individuals working in this capacity. In order to best serve individuals in Albany County who suffer from severe and persistent behavioral health challenges it is essential that we have qualified professionals. In keeping with the Albany County Workforce Development Plan, we are proposing to use \$100,000 in grant funding to create an additional step within our organization between staff social worker/mental health clinician and a supervising social worker i.e. Mental Health Clinician II. This will allow for both improved recruitment and retention of experienced healthcare professionals by creating an improved career trajectory for those employed in this department.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald 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



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-3091, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

The Mental Health Department requests permission for a budget amendment in order to allocate the OMH Workforce Development funding grant.

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Date: | January 31, 2022 |
| 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.: Various \$75,000
Source of Funds: NYS Office of Mental Health Workforce Enhancement Grant
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):
Office of Mental Health 44 Holland Avenue, Albany NY 12229

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:

Revenue Account and Line: A4310.03490
Revenue Amount: \$75,000 (Pro-rated for fiscal year 2022)

Appropriation Account and Line: Please see Budget Amendment
Appropriation Amount: \$75,000

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) 1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Length of Contract: 12 Months

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: 466
Date of Adoption: 12/6/21

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Mental Health Department requests permission to amend our 2022 budget in order to allocate workforce development funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health. Due to the tremendous strain on the Behavioral Health System, at this time it has become more challenging to recruit and retain individuals working in this capacity. In order to best serve individuals in Albany County who suffer from severe and persistent behavioral health challenges it is essential that we have qualified professionals. In keeping with the Albany County Workforce Development Plan, we are proposing to use \$100,000 (Prorated to \$75,000 for 2022) in grant funding to create an additional step within our organization between staff social worker/mental health clinician and a supervising social worker i.e. Mental Health Clinician II. This will allow for both improved recruitment and retention of experienced healthcare professionals by creating an improved career trajectory for those employed in this department.

Albany County Department of Mental Health

2022 OMH Workforce Development Budget Amendment

| ACCOUNT NO. | RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION | INCREASE | DECREASE | UNIT COST | DEPARTMENT NAME |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A9 4310 1 2205 430139 | Staff Social Worker | | \$41,463.00 | \$55,248.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2205 430060 | Staff Social Worker | | \$41,463.00 | \$55,248.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2205 430144 | Staff Social Worker | | \$41,463.00 | \$55,248.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2205 430035 | Staff Social Worker | | \$41,463.00 | \$55,248.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2205 430142 | Staff Social Worker | | \$41,463.00 | \$55,248.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2205 430039 | Staff Social Worker | | \$41,463.00 | \$55,248.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2203W 430209 | Staff Social Worker II | \$48,963.00 | | \$65,284.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2203W 430210 | Staff Social Worker II | \$48,963.00 | | \$65,284.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2203W 430211 | Staff Social Worker II | \$48,963.00 | | \$65,284.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2203W 430212 | Staff Social Worker II | \$48,963.00 | | \$65,284.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2203W 430213 | Staff Social Worker II | \$48,963.00 | | \$65,284.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 1 2203W 430214 | Staff Social Worker II | \$48,963.00 | | \$65,284.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 8 9010 | State Retirement | \$8,100.00 | | \$851,593.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 8 9030 | Social Security | \$3,443.00 | | \$466,925.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 8 9060 | Hospital and Medical Insurance | \$11,421.00 | | \$1,549,614.00 | Mental Health |
| A9 4310 4 4039 | Conference/Training/Tuition | \$7,036.00 | | \$41,236.00 | Mental Health |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | | \$323,778.00 | \$248,778.00 | | |

| ACCOUNT NO. | RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION | DECREASE | INCREASE | UNIT COST | DEPARTMENT NAME |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| A3 4310 0 3490 | Mental Health (State Aid) | | \$75,000.00 | 2,882,587.00 | Mental Health |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES | | \$0.00 | \$75,000.00 | | |
| GRAND TOTALS | | \$323,778.00 | \$323,778.00 | | |

RESOLUTION NO. 466

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

Introduced: 12/6/21
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to accept workforce enhancement funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 21, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Director has indicated that the funding will be included in the 2022 budget and will be used for recruitment and retention incentives, educational reimbursements and career development and training, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to accept workforce enhancement funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 21, 2022, 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 – 12/6/21

State of New York
County of Albany

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Albany County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution and/or local law with the original resolution and/or local law now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the 6th day of December, 2021, a majority of all members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and/or local law and the whole thereof.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this 7th day of December, 2021.

Nicole Chambers

Clerk, Albany County Legislature