

County of Albany

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



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 28, 2022

5:00 PM

Held Remotely

Health Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
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
3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

CURRENT BUSINESS:

4. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 183 FOR 2021 REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF THE ACCORD PROGRAM BY THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. REGARDING THE EXPANDED PARTNER SERVICES PROGRAM

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31, 2022

5:00 PM

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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 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 proposal was tabled at the request of the Sponsor.

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

This proposal was tabled at the request of the Sponsor.

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

This proposal was withdrawn.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**5. ESTABLISHING A POLICY THAT ALL COUNTY OFFICE BUILDINGS BE EQUIPPED WITH LACTATION ROOMS FOR NURSING EMPLOYEES AND AMENDING THE 2022 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET**

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 EXPANSION OF CERTIFIED AND CREDENTIALLED PEER CAPACITY 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 PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

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

8. AMENDING THE 2022 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET: COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING

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

9. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING THE LEAD POISONING PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAM

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

10. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO PROVIDE TRAINING COURSES FOR LEAD BASED PAINT REMEDIATION

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

11. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH CORP 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.

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

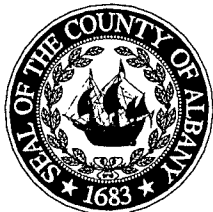
**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. “K” FOR 2021 A
LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID
MEDICATIONS**

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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March 29th, 2022

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

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) seeks to enter into a multi-year, no-cost extension of its current agreement with the University at Albany (UA) School of Social Welfare and the University at Albany (UA) School of Public Health in order to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting (ACCORD) program beyond the pilot stage. ACCORD, a collaboration between the Albany County Executive's Office, the Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH), the Albany County Legislature and the Albany County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), has been designed to provide alternative crisis response services to residents of Albany County experiencing behavioral health crises without the presence of law enforcement whenever possible. This agreement between ACDMH and UA will result in a data-based program evaluation of ACCORD that builds upon initial year, pilot-phase program analysis in order to assist future program improvement and expansion.

Feel free to contact me or Michael Fitzgerald if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Giordano, Ph.D.
 Albany County Mental Health Commissioner
 Director of Community Services

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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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

The Albany County Department of Mental Health requests to enter into a multi-year, no-cost extension agreement with the University at Albany School of Social Welfare and the University at Albany School of Public Health.

Date:	March 29, 2022
Submitted By:	Mark Gleason
Department:	Mental Health
Title:	Operations Analyst
Phone:	518-447-3014
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Dr. Stephen Giordano, Commissioner

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) The University at Albany School of Public Health and School of Social Welfare will evaluate the County's Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting (ACCORD) program.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

University at Albany 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12222

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: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 6/1/2022-12/31/2024

Length of Contract: 30 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: #183

Date of Adoption: 6/14/2021

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) seeks to enter into a multi-year, no-cost extension of its current agreement with the University at Albany (UA) School of Social Welfare and the University at Albany (UA) School of Public Health in order to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting (ACCORD) program beyond the pilot stage. ACCORD, a collaboration between the Albany County Executive's Office, the Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH), the Albany County Legislature and the Albany County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), has been designed to provide alternative crisis response services to residents of Albany County experiencing behavioral health crises without the presence of law enforcement whenever possible. This agreement between ACDMH and UA will result in a data-based program evaluation of ACCORD that builds upon initial year, pilot-phase program analysis in order to assist future program improvement and expansion.

ACCORD: Work Plan (June 1, 2022-December 31, 2024)

The below work plan provides a summary of evaluation activities to be completed by the UAlbany School of Social Welfare (SSW; Lead=Carmen Morano, PhD) and School of Public Health (SPH; Lead=Tomoko Udo, PhD) for the county-wide expansion of the ACCORD program. The scope of work described below is funded by the New York State Health Foundation. Additional work may require securing additional funding.

Specific Evaluation Activities:

Between June 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024, UAlbany evaluation team will conduct a summative evaluation of county-wide expansion of the ACCORD program. Specifically, UAlbany evaluation team will complete the following evaluation activities:

- Keep track of key ACCORD program performance data
- Identify barriers to implement the programs in municipalities varying in geographical characteristics and resources
- Assess perceived program acceptability and benefit from the community perspective (clients, their family, and community at large)
- Identify strategies to adapt and sustain the ACCORD program, which can be shared not only with other municipalities in Albany County, but also with other communities across New York State and beyond
- Evaluate effectiveness of ACCORD programs in reducing the number of non-violent calls involving behavioral health issues responded by law enforcement
- Evaluate the cost-benefit of the ACCORD program

To complete the above activities, we request continuing access to the following data collected by the Albany County Sheriff's Office and Department of Mental Health. UAlbany team will also obtain separate data usage agreement with individual municipality if needed, with an assistance from Albany County.

- Dispatcher call history
- ACCORD administrative and client data collected by Department of Mental Health

Deliverables

- Quarterly report on ACCORD program performance
- Annual report on ACCORD program performance and effectiveness, as well as voice of the community when available
- Standardized implementation strategy tools

Logic Model:

Statement of the problem: Individuals with a mental health illness, including substance use disorder, are at higher risk for becoming a victim of adverse encounter with law enforcement or unnecessary interaction with the criminal justice system (CJS) as a result of mental health crisis.

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term	Mid-term	Long-term
<p>Populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients • Dispatchers • Officers • EMT's • Social Worker (MRT's) • Intake Worker [Receiving Facility] • Evaluators 	<p>Organizational plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispatcher and officer training • Hire additional social workers • Train EMT and social workers • Develop workflow • Develop training and operational manuals • Develop data collection tools • Increase awareness of the program among the serving area(s) • Stakeholder meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of training provided to dispatcher, officers, and MRT • Contents of the training • # of calls received by dispatcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Source of the call ○ The nature of the call ○ Time of the call • Time to arrive at the scene • # of assessment completed to determine the course of action by MRT • Description of the course of action taken by MRT • Descriptions of the clients • Duration of the interaction • # of follow-up assessment/contacts made • Description of resource and contextual factors critical for sustained program implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ mental health crisis call handled by the police • ↑ linkage to proper mental health care • ↑ sustained engagement with mental health treatment among the MRT clients • ↓ repeated crisis calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ hospitalization and ER utilization among the clients • ↑ Physical, psychological, and social function among the clients • ↓ # of mental health crisis calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ fatal encounters with law enforcement involved an individual with a mental illness • ↓ in # of interaction with the CJS individuals with a mental illness • ↑ sense of safety among community members • ↓ cost associated with mental health crisis in the community
<p>Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funder • Sheriff • Commissioner of MH • Inpatient • UALBANY 	<p>Service utilization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispatcher determine the eligibility of the call • Dispatcher transfer the call to MRT • Dispatcher stays engaged with the caller while MRT is being dispatched? • MRT arrives at the scene • MRT assess the case, intervene, and determine the course of action • Family support • A follow up call by MRT 				

Assumptions

- Persons with a mental illness are at increased risk for arrest/incarceration, often multiple times, or adverse encounter with law enforcement because: 1) Their mental health illness is often not addressed until a crisis happens; 2) Law enforcement is often the first party to respond to the crisis; 3) Officers are not trained to intervene mental health crisis; 4) There is no continuous care plan after crisis to prevent future crisis.

Assumptions

- Using a mental health crisis as an opportunity to help a person with a mental health illness linked to a proper mental health care will improve mental, physical, and social functioning and ultimately reduce risk for adverse interaction with law enforcement
- This will also help reduce cost associated with mental health crisis in the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 183

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY REGARDING THE ALBANY COUNTY ACCORD PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2021 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 6/14/21

By Health Committee, Messrs. Efekoro, Fein, Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Miller:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the University at Albany School of Social Welfare and the University at Albany School of Public Health in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting (ACCORD) program at a cost of \$30,000 for the term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The ACCORD program is a pilot collaboration between the Albany County Department of Mental Health, the Albany County Legislature and the Albany County Sheriff's Office designed to provide alternative crisis response services to residents of the Hilltowns in Albany County experiencing behavioral health crises without the presence of law enforcement whenever possible, and

WHEREAS, The Director has indicated that \$15,000 is already available in the Department of Mental Health Budget and has also requested a budget amendment to move the remaining funds needed, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the University at Albany School of Social Welfare and the University at Albany School of Public Health in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting (ACCORD) program at a cost of \$30,000 for the term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2021 Albany County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease Appropriation Account A1010.4 by \$15,000 by decreasing Line Item A1010 4 4011 Community Devel., Pub. Hlth, & Safety by \$15,000

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.4 by \$15,000 by increasing Line Item A4310 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$15,000

and, be it further

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

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 14th day of June, 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 16th day of June, 2021.

Naesha Chambers
Clerk, Albany County Legislature



DANIEL P. McCOY
County Executive

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Commissioner of Health

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Assistant Commissioner Finance and Administration

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March 28, 2022

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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Albany County Department of Health requests to renew its contract for the Expanded Partner Services program. The purpose of this initiative is to improve the provision of HIV prevention and care services within Albany County and to better serve people living with HIV and AIDS. ACDOH is given this funding every year and does not have to apply for it. The County will facilitate the re-engagement in medical care of persons thought to be out-of-care living with HIV/AIDS, notify, test partners and refer all HIV positive and high-risk negative patients they encounter to appropriate prevention, care and support services. This funding is renewed yearly and was placed in the 2022 budget.

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



Albany County Department of Health is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-3240, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Request to contract with NYSDOH for the Expanded Partner Services Grant

Date:	March 28, 2022
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.: 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

Renewal

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):

NYSDOH/Health Research Inc.
Riverview Center
150 Broadway
Menands, NY 12204

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: 105,000

Scope of Services: The Expanded Partner Services (EXPS) program uses HIV data to identify individuals diagnosed with HIV who have no recent HIV follow-up lab work in the past 13 to 24 months. The expected outcomes are to reduce disease incidence, decrease the rate of HIV transmission, increase the proportion of HIV infected individuals who are aware of their status, and increase the proportion of infected persons who are linked to prevention, partner services and treatment/medical care.

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: A44010.0.4411
Revenue Amount: \$105,000

Appropriation Account and Line: Various lines
Appropriation Amount: \$105,000

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) April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023
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: 302/2021
Date of Adoption: 9/13/2021

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) requests to renew its contract for the Expanded Partner Services program. The purpose of this initiative is to improve the provision of HIV prevention and care services within Albany County and to better serve people living with HIV and AIDS. ACDOH is given this funding every year and does not have to apply for it. The County will facilitate the re-engagement in medical care of persons thought to be out-of-care living with HIV/AIDS, notify, test partners and refer all HIV positive and high-risk negative patients they encounter to appropriate prevention, care and support services. Case assignments will come from the NY Electronic Management System (NYEHMS)/Communicable Disease Electronic Surveillance System (CDESS).

ExPS contract renewal

Stager, Michele S (HEALTH) <michele.stager@health.ny.gov>

Fri 3/11/2022 11:41 AM

To: Dethomasis, Kathleen <Kathleen.Dethomasis@albanycountyny.gov>; Witherspoon, Shanna <Shanna.Witherspoon@albanycountyny.gov>

Cc: Shipmon, CharlieMae M (HEALTH) <charliemae.shipmon@health.ny.gov>; Dimenno, Lisa M (HEALTH) <lisa.dimenno@health.ny.gov>

 6 attachments (1 MB)

HRI Budget Forms 12.19.17.xls; _Expenditure_Based_Budget_Summary_1803_3-22-17.xls; HRI Voucher_UPDATED 10.5.15.xls; Provider Attachment A,B (Fringe, Admin) 5-06.xls; Budget Modification Key Points.pdf; Albany ExPS Workplan 22-23.docx;

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed is the 2022-2023 budget request/funding application for Expanded Partner Services (ExPS) provided by your county for the period of **April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023**. The amount of your contract funding request may not exceed **\$105,000**.

This e-mail includes all the forms needed to complete the budget request/funding application. The forms have been formatted in Excel for ease of completion. I have also attached the work plan for your review. Any clarification of the workplan or changes should be discussed with me prior to submission.

Please **e-mail** the completed packet (including budget and other required forms) to charliemae.shipmon@health.ny.gov with a copy to michele.stager@health.ny.gov no later than **March 31, 2022**.

PLEASE DO NOT ALTER THE WORKPLAN. This document is provided for reference only.

I have also attached the HRI Budget Modification forms. In the event budget changes are needed after the contract has been executed, you will need to use these forms to submit your request to modify the budget.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your contract manager.

Thank you.

Lisa Dimenno
Assistant Director
Bureau of HIV/STD Field Services
AIDS Institute
Corning Tower, Rm 315
Albany, NY 12237
518-474-6944

RESOLUTION NO. 302**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. REGARDING THE EXPANDED PARTNER SERVICES PROGRAM**

Introduced: 9/13/21
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)/Health Research, Inc. (HRI) regarding the Expanded Partner Services (EXPS) program in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the funding will be used to support the provision of HIV prevention and care services for people living with HIV/AIDS within Albany County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYSDOH/HRI regarding the EXPS program in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 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 – 9/13/21

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 13th day of September, 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 14th day of September, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melissa Chambers".

Clerk, Albany County Legislature