

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

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 – 6/14/21