

**RESOLUTION NO. 335**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING SERVICES FOR SAFETY NET AND TANF APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS**

Introduced: 10/12/21

By Social Services Committee and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The New York State Welfare Reform Act of 1997 mandates that local social services districts screen all adult public assistance applicants and recipients for alcohol and substance abuse, and if indicated, obtain related assessments of treatment needs to include level of care and employability determinations, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Social Services has requested authorization to renew a memorandum of understanding with the Albany County Department of Mental Health regarding assessment and referral services for Safety Net and TANF applicants and recipients in the amount of \$228,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Social Services has indicated the amount indicated above represents the salaries associated with three full-time Mental Health Certified Alcohol Substance Abuse Counselors on staff in the Mental Health Department Managed Addiction Treatment Services Central Management Unit, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Departments of Social Services and Mental Health regarding services for Safety Net and TANF applicants and recipients in an amount not to exceed \$228,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 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 – 10/12/21*