

RESOLUTION NO. 253

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING ACCORD FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Introduced: 7/11/22

By Health Committee and Mr. Miller:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Mental Health regarding Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting (ACCORD) program funding in an amount of \$350,000 for the term commencing June 1, 2022 and ending December 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 the funding will supplement the salaries of two Department of Mental Health Staff Social Workers, one Supervising Social Worker, and supporting office expenses for a six month period, and

WHEREAS, The Director has requested a budget amendment to incorporate said funding, 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 Office of Mental Health regarding Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting (ACCORD) program funding in an amount of \$350,000 for the term commencing June 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2022 Department of Mental Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3490 Mental Health by \$157,627

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.1 by \$101,226 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4310 1 2201A 010 430216 Supervising Staff Social Worker by \$37,642 for an annual salary of \$75,283

Increase Line Item A4310 1 2205A 049 430217 Staff Social Worker by \$27,642 for an annual salary of \$55,284

Increase Line Item A4310 1 2205A 050 430218 Staff Social Worker by \$27,642 for an annual salary of \$55,284

Increase Line Item A4310 1 9940 Differential Pay by \$2,500

Increase Line Item A4310 1 9980 Clothing Allowance by \$5,800

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.2 by \$4,500 by increasing Line Item A4310 2 2050 Computer Equipment by \$4,500

Increase Appropriation Account A4310. 4 by \$4,480 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4310 4 4036 Telephone by \$480

Increase Line Item A4310 4 4039 Conference/Training/Tuition by \$2,500

Increase Line Item A4310 4 4042 Printing and Advertising by \$1,500

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.8 by \$47,421 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4310 8 9010 State Retirement by \$16,727

Increase Line Item A4310 8 9030 Social Security by \$7,109

Increase Line Item A4310 8 9060 Hospital and Medical Insurance by \$23,585

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 – 7/11/22