

RESOLUTION NO. 11

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING VITAL ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS

Introduced: 2/9/15

By Health Committee and Mr. Clenahan:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Departments of Mental Health and Children, Youth and Families have requested authorization to submit a grant application in the amount of \$648,240 for a three year period to the NYS Office of Mental Health regarding Vital Access Mental Health Clinics, and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health indicated that the grant will allow for a collaborative effort among County agencies to help fiscally challenged clinics support new business strategies and enhancements which will enable attainment of fiscal viability and preserve vital access to mental health clinic treatment in New York State, and

WHEREAS, The Director also indicated that grant funding will be used for enhancements to the Departments electronic health record and billing software, staffing, training and consultation to assist in improvements to efficiencies, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application for funding to the NYS Office of Mental Health regarding Vital Access Mental Health Clinics in the amount not to exceed \$648,240 for a three year period, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application 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. 2/10/15