

RESOLUTION NO. 112

AUTHORIZING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROJECT TARGETING SUICIDE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER PREVENTION FOR YOUTHS

Introduced: 4/10/06

By Public Safety Committee and Mr. Collins:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Albany County Probation Department has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and the Center for Promotion of Mental Health in Juvenile Justice at Columbia University to participate in a three-year grant-funded project targeting suicide and mental health disorder prevention for youth served by the department, and

WHEREAS, The Director has indicated that the purpose of the initiative, called Project Connect, is to preliminarily evaluate youth seen at probation for suicide risk and other mental health disorders and to facilitate their referral to mental health service providers, and

WHEREAS, The Director further indicated that the project, provided at no cost to participating jurisdictions, is a pilot initiative available through a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant to Columbia and will be accomplished through training, tracking referral practices and youth outcomes for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Albany County Probation Department with the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and the Center for Promotion of Mental Health in Juvenile Justice at Columbia University on behalf of the Albany County Probation Department for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 regarding Project Connect, 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. 4/10/06