County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 5:30 PM

Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building
Cahill Room - First Floor

Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- 2. AMENDING THE 2023 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET: INCREASED FUNDING FOR SECURE DETENTION PLACEMENTS
- 3. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES
- 4. **AUTHORIZING** ΑN AGREEMENT WITH THE RESEARCH **FOUNDATION** FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK **NEW** STATE REGARDING THE YORK SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES PROGRAM
- 5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALTAMONT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A WARMING CENTER DURING CODE BLUE

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 5:30 PM

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Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: Merton D. Simpson, Mickey Cleary, Patrice Lockart, Jeff

S. Perlee, Christopher H. Smith and Ellen Rosano

Excused: Samuel I. Fein, Norma J. Chapman and Carolyn

McLaughlin

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. LOCAL LAW NO. "I" FOR 2023: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 225 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR RESETTLEMENT DISCLOSURE IN ALBANY COUNTY

A motion was made to move this Local Law forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC. REGARDING THE PROVISION OF FAMILY AND NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER SERVICES

This RLA was positive recommendation.

4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S HEALTH HOME OF UPSTATE NEW YORK REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAID CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN IN ALBANY COUNTY

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND BRIGHTSIDE UP, INC. REGARDING REGISTRATION SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PETER YOUNG INDUSTRIES, INC. REGARDING EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS SINGLE WOMEN
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- 7. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EQUINOX, INC. REGARDING NON-RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- 8. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS REGARDING EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SERVICES
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- 9. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS REGARDING EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SERVICES AT THE SOUTH FERRY SHELTER
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- **10.** AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS REGARDING EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SERVICES AT MERCY HOUSE
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- 11. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN MARILLAC RESIDENCE REGARDING THE PROVISION OF FAMILY SHELTER SERVICES
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- **12.** AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PINE RIDGE INDUSTRIES FOR THE PROVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS COACHING
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 13. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REGARDING SEASONAL EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SERVICES
 - A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- **14.** AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALTAMONT PROGRAM, INC. REGARDING EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SERVICES

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.



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DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COUNTY OF ALBANY DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES 112 STATE STREET – SUITE 300

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NICOLE WARD Deputy Commissioner

November 1, 2023

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman Albany County Legislature 112 State St., Rm. 710 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action for permission to amend the 2023 Department of Children, Youth and Families Adopted budget to increase funding for Secure Detention placements.

The anticipated increased need for our appropriation is \$500,000. We are requesting the local share to be transferred from the Foster Care Voluntary account.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Back Up Material for Budget Amendment for Raise the Age Secure Detention

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to amend the 2023 Adopted Budget for costs associated with Raise the Age (RTA) Secure Detention placements. The County has experienced costs greater than anticipated over the course of the 2023 fiscal year.

Budget Account A6119.44402R is used to pay for costs associated with the RTA placements for Secure Detention. Currently, we have approximately \$750,000 available for payments for the remainder of the fiscal year and anticipate the needs to be \$1,250,000. The requested budget amendment to increase this account by \$500,000 will provide sufficient funding to cover months remaining in the County's fiscal year.

The Department is requesting a transfer of funding from its Foster Care Voluntary line (A6119.44405R) to cover this expense. There is funding available in this RTA appropriation as we have not had any RTA voluntary placements requiring payments.

APPROPRIATIONS			
ACCOUNT N(RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	INCREASE DECREASE UNIT COST DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 4 4402R 000 Secure Detention	500,000	0	DCYF
AA 6119 4 4405R 000 Foster Care Voluntary Agency	0	500,000	DCYF
TOTAL APPROPRATIONS	500,000	200,000	
ESTIMATED REVENUES			
ACCOUNT N(RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION		INCREASE	DECREASE INCREASE UNIT COST DEPARTMENT NAME
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	0	0	
GRAND TOTALS	500,000	500,000	



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November 1, 2023

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman Albany County Legislature 112 State St., Rm. 710 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action for authorization to enter into Agreements with various Albany County Municipalities for the provision of providing Youth Bureau services.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel

Department for Children, Youth and Families Backup Material for Contract Authorization with Various Municipalities for Youth Bureau Programing

The Department respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into contractual arrangements with twelve (12) Albany County Municipalities, as listed below.

The total amount of State Aid from NYS OCFS to Albany County DCYF Youth Bureau for the Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) in 2023 is \$355,943. These funds are intended to support youth development programs and runaway and homeless youth services. Funds are intended to be distributed to community-based organizations and Municipalities within Albany County for the purpose of reimbursement of expenses directly related to program operation and service delivery.

In 2014, The Governor's Executive budget proposed changes to Executive Law 19-A YDDP (Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention) Sections 412, 420,422 and 19-H RHYA (Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Act) Sections 532A, 532B.

As of January 1, 2014 the local youth bureaus process reimbursement claims from Municipalities, not NYS OCFS. The County will now have full responsibility for paying Municipal claims out of the annual State Aid Allocation to the County.

Municipality	Allocation
City of Albany	\$18,950
City of Cohoes	\$12,012
City of Watervliet	\$ 3,250
Town of Coeymans	\$ 1,750
Town of Colonie	\$21,600
Town of Guilderland	\$ 5,500
Town of Knox	\$ 2,675
Village of Altamont	\$ 1,750
Village of Colonie	\$ 2,450
Village of Green Island	\$ 2,500
Village of Ravena	\$ 1,225
Village of Voorheesville	\$ 1,775
Total	\$75,437



KATHY HOCHUL Governor

SUZANNE MILES-GUSTAVE, ESQ.

Acting Commissioner

October 5, 2023

Daniel P. McCov Albany County Executive 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207

Dear Mr. Daniel P. McCoy:

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has received Albany County's Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) and Youth Bureau Narrative(s) for 2023. The RAP, submitted through the Quality Youth Development System (QYDS), includes applications requesting State aid in the amount of \$355,943,00.

While your Narrative(s) and RAP have been approved, internal reviews, fiscal audits and adjustments to State aid may ultimately result in a change in the approved State aid amount. Should that occur, the County will be notified in writing of the specific adjustment, the reason therefore, and the revised State aid amount.

If there is a balance in State aid, the County may submit amendments to the RAP during the year. Any request for an amendment for a new program, or for expansion of an existing program, must be submitted to OCFS staff for review at ocfs.sm. YouthBureau@ocfs.ny.gov.and approval must be granted prior to any expenditure pursuant to the proposed agreement.

Upon receipt of acceptable claims, the County will be reimbursed for each program listed in the program summary, subject to the terms of the RAP. All submitted claim documents must include the QYDS ID number. which replaces the Program Code used previously.

Please be aware relevant appropriation language requires that OCFS must receive Youth Development Program (YDP) claims no later than twelve (12) months after the end of the calendar year during which the expenditures were made.

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHYA) claims must be submitted no later than twelve (12) months after the end of the calendar quarter in which the claimed services were delivered.

Youth Sports Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)- Funding will be for programs operating from January 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023. Claims for this period are due by March 31, 2024.

If you have questions, please connect with Cynthia L. Alvarez by email at Cynthia.Alvarez@ocfs.ny.gov or by phone at (212) 383-1824.

Sincerely,

Nina Aledort, Ph.D.

Deputy Commissioner

CC: Valerie Johnson, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 83

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES

Introduced: 3/13/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, Due to New York State regulatory changes, local youth bureaus have full responsibility regarding the payment of municipal claims out of the annual State Aid allocation to the County from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreements with the following Albany County municipalities in the amounts listed below in an amount not to exceed \$97,583 regarding the provision of youth bureau services for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022:

City of Albany	\$25,000 —
City of Cohoes	\$17,200 —
City of Watervliet	\$4,000 -
Town of Coeymans	\$2,000 -
Town of Colonie	\$28,000 -
Town of Guilderland	\$7,000 —
Town of Knox	\$3,083 —
Village of Altamont	\$2,000
Village of Colonie	\$3,000 —
Village of Green Island	\$3,000 —
Village of Ravena	\$1,300 —
Village of Voorheesville	\$2,000

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the aforementioned Albany County municipalities in the amounts listed above in total not to exceed \$97,583, regarding the provision of youth bureau services for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further



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NICOLE WARD Deputy Commissioner

November 1, 2023

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman Albany County Legislature 112 State St., Rm. 710 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative authorization to contract with The Research Foundation for the State University of New York, University at Albany, for the purposes of reviewing and analyzing data pertaining to Juvenile Justice Youth. The contract terms are for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$51,038.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Backup Material for Contract Authorization with the Research Foundation for the State University of New York, University at Albany

The Department respectfully requests Legislative authorization to contract with The Research Foundation for the State University of New York, University at Albany for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$51,038. This Legislative authorization would allow for a joint project with DCYF, Probation and SUNY Albany for the purposes of reviewing and analyzing data pertaining to juvenile justice youth. This funding will support a research assistant 37% of the time working with the Department and Probation Department to assess all juvenile justice programs and initiatives to ensure the impact and design to reach the ultimate best outcomes for youth and their families.

NYS Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) provides funding to support local programming to divert youth safely from unnecessary detention and/or placement admissions. It is a key element of New York's juvenile justice reform efforts. STSJP funding is allocated to each locality by NYS OCFS to support programming for juvenile justice involved youth. The goal of this programming is to prevent out of home placement of youth, maintain them safely in their community, and when placement is needed, to safely expedite the reintegration of such youth back into the community.

Through this allocation, Albany would continue to support the research component through the Research Foundation for the State University of New York, University at Albany to consistently track and assess outcomes and goals as it pertains to detention, placements and reductions in racial and-ethnic disparities.

RESOLUTION NO. 33

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK REGARDING THE NEW YORK STATE SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES PROGRAM

Introduced: 2/13/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Research Foundation for the State University of New York, University at Albany (SUNY Albany) regarding research and assessment of juvenile justice outcomes and goals as they pertain to detention, placements and reductions in racial and ethnic disparities in an amount not to exceed \$51,038 for a term commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the agreement would allow for a joint project with DCYF, Department of Probation, and SUNY Albany for the purposes of reviewing and analyzing data pertaining to juvenile justice programs and initiatives to ensure the impact and design to reach the ultimate best outcomes for youth and their families, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Research Foundation for the State University of New York, University at Albany regarding research and assessment of juvenile justice outcomes and goals as they pertain to detention, placements and reductions in racial and ethnic disparities, in an amount not to exceed \$51,038 for a term commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, 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 the resolution the appropriate County Officials.



DANIEL P. MCCOY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COUNTY OF ALBANY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

162 Washington Avenue Albany, New York 12210-2304 (518) 447-7300 WWW.AlbanyCounty.com MICHELE G. MCCLAVE COMMISSIONER

ERIN M. STACHEWICZ
EXECUTIVE DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER

VALERIE SACKS
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

November 8, 2023

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman Albany County Legislature 112 State Street, Room 710 Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Local Social Service Districts are required to provide emergency/transitional shelter to homeless individuals and families during Code Blue.

This request is to provide one-time start up and fit up costs such as the purchase of furniture, repairs, paint, cleaning and the retainer for Security to open a Warming Center during Code Blue. The funds will allow Altamont Program to open a new low barrier warming station located at 45 South Ferry Street in Albany. The facility will serve up to 25 individuals. The location available has been unused for a few years and needs some work to transition to use as a Warming Center.

The Warming Center will offer a low barrier option to keep homeless persons out of the cold for the winter, particularly for those who cannot follow rules set out in regular shelters or cannot function independently in a hotel/motel. The Altamont Program operates a family shelter and a single women's shelter for the county and works with our Department of Social Services on an ongoing basis.

The Social Services Department respectfully requests approval. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely

Michele G. McClave Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Amis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-4816, Version: 1		
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTIO	N	
Description (e.g., Contract Authorizat Funding appropriation to community pro	•	
Date:	11/3/2023	
Submitted By:	Joseph DeAngelis	
Department:	Social Services	
Title:	Contract Administrator	
Phone:	518-447-7583	
Department Rep.		
Attending Meeting:	Michele G. McClave	
Purpose of Request:		
 □ Adopting of Local Law □ Amendment of Prior Legislation □ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure □ Bond Approval □ Budget Amendment □ Contract Authorization □ Countywide Services □ Environmental Impact/SEQR □ Home Rule Request □ Property Conveyance ☑ Other: (state if not listed) 	Funding appropriation to community provider	
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CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMEN	<u>TS</u>	
Increase/decrease category (choose a □ Contractual □ Equipment □ Fringe □ Personnel	all that apply):	

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☐ Personnel Non-Individual ☐ Revenue		
Increase Account/Line No.: Source of Funds: Title Change:	Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.	
CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS		
Type of Contract: ☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment ☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies) ☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies) ☐ Requirements ☐ Professional Services ☐ Education/Training ☒ Grant ☐ Choose an item. ☐ Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date. ☐ Settlement of a Claim ☐ Release of Liability ☐ Other: (state if not listed) ☐ Click or tap here to enter text.		
Contract Terms/Conditions:		
Party (Name/address): The Altamont Program 428 Duane Ave. Schenectady, NY 12304		
Additional Parties (Names/addresses): Click or tap here to enter text.		
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Scope of Services: homeless program(s) to ensure Albany County inclement winter weather also known as "Code	\$150,000 Start-Up costs for a Low-Barrier Warming Center to enhance existing meets Mandated Emergency measures for the homeless during Blue."	
Bond Res. No.: Date of Adoption:	Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.	
CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS		
Mandated Program/Service: If Mandated Cite Authority:	Yes □ No ⊠ Click or tap here to enter text.	

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ls there a Fiscal Impact: Anticipated in Current Budget:	Yes ⊠ No □ Yes ⊠ No □	
County Budget Accounts: Revenue Account and Line: Revenue Amount:	Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.	
Appropriation Account and Line: Appropriation Amount:	A,8020.44976 \$150,000	
Source of Funding - (Percentages) Federal: State: County: Local:	, 100%	
Original Awarding Agency / Funder: Click or tap here to enter text. New York State Pass-Through Agency (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.		
<u>Term</u> Term: (Start and end date) Length of Contract:	12/1/2023-2/29/2024 3 months	
Impact on Pending Litigation If yes, explain:	Yes □ No ⊠ Click or tap here to enter text.	
Previous requests for Identical or Simila Resolution/Law Number: Date of Adoption:	r Action:	

<u>Justification</u>: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

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This request is to provide one-time start up and fit up costs such as the purchase of furniture, repairs, paint, cleaning and the retainer for Security to open a Warming Center to operate during Code Blue. The location available has been unused for a few years and needs some work to transition to use as a Warming Center. The Warming Center will offer a low barrier option to keep homeless persons out of the cold for the winter. The Altamont Program operates a family shelter and a single women's shelter for the the county and works with our Department of Social Services on an ongoing basis. Local Social Service districts are required to provide emergency/transitional shelter to homeless individuals and families during Code Blue. Therefore, permission is requested to contract with the Altamont Program to operate a low barrier warming station located at 45 South Ferry Street in Albany. The facility will serve up to 25 individuals The Provider was the only respondent to RFP #2023-094 and requires \$150,000 in startup funding to prepare the facility. Albany County Department of Social Services must support Code Blue regulations regarding housing homeless individuals during inclement weather regardless of circumstance or eligibility. A Code Blue alert must be called when temperatures are expected to fall below 32°F with wind chill for at least two consecutive hours, based on the local forecast issued by the National Weather Service for the city, town or village within the district that is known to have the largest population of unsheltered homeless persons. The Warming Center will provide temporary respite shelter in these circumstances with the approval of the Albany County Department of Social Services. The Warming Center may operate at any time during the day or night, but during the Code Blue season (November 15th through April 15th it is expected to be available for Code Blue-eligible clientele continuously for overnight usage as approved by Albany County Department of Social Services.