

County of Albany

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

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. AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE FAMILY FIRST MOBILE RESPONSE INITIATIVE AND AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 24, 2024

5:30 PM

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Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: Samuel I. Fein, Merton D. Simpson, Mickey Cleary, Beroro T. Efekoro, Matthew J. Miller, Ellen Rosano, Patrice Lockart and Jeff S. Perlee

Excused: Andrew Joyce

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REJHA GROUP, LLC REGARDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO EDUCATION AND THERAPY PROGRAMS

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

3. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE 2024 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

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



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DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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NICOLE WARD
Deputy Commissioner

June 26, 2024

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action for permission to accept grant funding from the Office of Children and Family Services for the Family Peer Advocates Program and to amend the 2024 adopted budget for the Department for Children, Youth and Families. The grant award for the 2024 - 2025 funding year for the period May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 is \$120,000.

In addition, the Department respectfully requests authorization to enter into agreements with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region in conjunction with this grant.

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



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5664, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Authorization for Grant Acceptance from NYSOCFS, Contract Authorization with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region and Amending the ACDCYF 2024 Adopted Budget for the Family Peer Advocates Program

Date: June 26, 2024
Department: Children, Youth & Families
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner

Purpose of Request: Budget Amendment / Grant Acceptance / Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc
15 Trinity Pl
Albany, NY 12202

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 12 Month
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$120,000

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Budget: Yes No
Spreadsheet attached: Yes No

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 0 County: 0
State: 100 Local: 0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6119 03661
Revenue Amount: 120,000
Appropriation Account and Line: AA6119 44046
Appropriation Amount: 120,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Enter text.
Request for Bids / Proposals:
 Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes No
 # of Response(s): Enter text.
 # of MWBE: Enter text.
 # of Veteran Business: Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program Yes No

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: 339 for 2024 06/10/2024

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

See Attached

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Authorization to Amend the 2024 budget to accept additional funding from the Office of Children and Family Services and to contract with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region for Family Peer Advocate Services

The Department respectfully requests authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region for provision of Family and Peer Advocate Services. The total contractual amount is for \$120,000.00 for the period of May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025.

The Family Peer Advocate will be utilized with the Family First Mobile Response Team and will be funded under NYS Office of Children and Family Services to provide Family Peer Advocate services with the focus on family preservation of foster or kinship families as well as families involved with the child welfare system.

The value FPAs will bring to the mobile response teams has been recognized by OCFS. FPAs are trained and credentialed individuals with lived experience navigating specific systems. FPAs assist parents coping with crises such as a child protective services (CPS) investigations or family separation by providing empathic understanding from individuals who have faced similar circumstances. FPAs can mentor and cultivate a parent's confidence in system literacy, understanding of parental rights, service navigation, and advocacy to local departments of social services (LDSSs), provider agencies, the court system and other system actors. The supportive and trusting relationship between a parent and their advocate can help educate the parent to navigate the system and access the tools they need to hold self-determination for their families throughout the process.

APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT N	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 4 4046 000	Fees for Services	120,000	0		DCYF
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	120,000	0		

ESTIMATED REVENUES

ACCOUNT N	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 0 3661 000	Family & Children Svcs Block	0	120,000		DCYF
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	0	120,000		
	GRAND TOTALS	120,000	120,000		

RESOLUTION NO. 339

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE FAMILY FIRST MOBILE RESPONSE INITIATIVE AND AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

Introduced: 6/10/24
By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to accept grant funding regarding the Family First Mobile Response Initiative in the amount of \$200,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. regarding the operation of a mobile response van to be staffed with a licensed clinician, a behavioral health specialist, a family peer advocate, a service navigation specialist, or a domestic violence advocate as part of a mobile response team in an amount of \$200,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also indicated that a budget amendment is necessary to incorporate said funding into the 2024 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with OCFS in order to accept funding regarding the Family First Mobile Response Initiative in the amount of \$200,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is also authorized to enter into an agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc., Albany, NY 12202 regarding the operation of a mobile response van in the amount of \$200,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2024 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows: *

Increase Revenue Account A6119 0 3661 Family & Children Svcs Block by \$200,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$200,000 by increasing Line Item