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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a contract in 2024 with Whitney M Young Jr. Health Center for the provision of health home and health home service dollar management services to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) will provide pass through funding to Whitney M Young Jr. Health Center through Albany County Department of Mental Health for \$359,105.

Additionally, the Department of Mental Health seeks approval to amend our 2024 budget in order to transfer \$359,105 of health home and health home service dollar funds (100% State Aid) from Equinox to Whitney Young Jr. Health Centers Inc. Through an agreement with NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), Equinox has transferred over its health home and health home service dollar management services to Whitney Young Jr. Health Centers Inc., which is reflected in the budget amendment attached. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2024 budget. (Please note: This transfer of funds involves 100% State Aid funding currently included in the Albany County budget).

Please feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
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