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

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to amend the 2021 Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) budget and to accept a check in the amount of \$193,189 from Better Health of Northeastern New York (BHNNY). ACDMH has been awarded \$193,189 for being instrumental in BHNNY meeting community health metrics. BHNNY's partnership with ACDMH has resulted in improved metrics in avoidable readmissions, antidepressant medication discontinued, follow up mental health care and controlling high blood pressure for its clients. Working together BHNNY and ACDMH have improved the overall mental health of the people of Albany County. BHNNY and ACDMH look forward to a continued productive partnership in helping the people of Albany County.

Feel free to contact me or Mark Gleason 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  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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