

Honorable Andrew Joyce and Members of the Albany County Legislature:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The Health Committee of the Albany County Legislature met on October 30, 2019. Chairman R. Joyce, Messrs. Cahill, Domalewicz, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Ward, and Ms. Willingham were present. Messrs. Drake, Hogan, and Ms. McLean Lane were excused. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

Approving Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved.

1. Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the New York State Department of Health Regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program: The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Health regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
2. Authorizing an Agreement with BlueShield of Northeastern New York Regarding the National Diabetes Prevention Program: The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with BlueShield of Northeastern New York regarding the aforementioned grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 annually for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022, for a total grant award of \$150,000. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
3. Authorizing an Agreement with Catholic Charities Regarding the Provision of Substance Abuse Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Catholic Charities regarding peer engagement and open access services for individuals with substance abuse and narcotic addiction related issues in the amount of \$157,500 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
4. Authorizing an Agreement with Capital Counseling Regarding the Provision of Gambling Addiction Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Capital Counseling regarding services for individuals with compulsive gambling addiction in the amount of \$246,413 for a term

commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

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6. Authorizing an Agreement with St. Peter's SPARC Regarding the Provision of Community Residential and Case Management Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC) regarding the provision of community residential services, case management, education and prevention services to individuals with substance abuse and narcotic addiction in the amount of \$329,829 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
7. Authorizing an Agreement with Trinity Alliance Regarding Intensive Residential Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. regarding the provision of intensive residential adult treatment for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of \$388,651 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
8. Authorizing an Interdepartmental Agreement Regarding Single Point of Access Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families for the provision of health home care management, clinic, and single point of access services for individuals with mental health issues in the amount of \$308,007 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

9. Authorizing an Agreement with Capital Area Peer Services Regarding Peer Advocacy and Support Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Capital Area Peer Services for the provision of peer support and inpatient diversion services for individuals with mental health issues the amount of \$416,827 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
10. Authorizing an Agreement with Community Maternity Services Regarding the Provision of Case Management Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of support services for children with mental illness or emotional disturbance, as well as their families, in the amount of \$123,315 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
11. Authorizing an Agreement with Equinox Regarding Supportive Housing Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc. for the provision of health home care management, supported housing, personal recovery oriented systems (PROS), and family support services for individuals with mental health issues in the amount of \$963,262 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
12. Authorizing an Agreement with the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society Regarding Supportive Housing Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society for the provision of diversion, outreach, supported housing, and representative payee services to individuals with mental illness in the amount of \$455,105 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
13. Authorizing an Agreement with the Mental Health Empowerment Project Regarding Homeless Peer Advocacy Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an

agreement with the Mental Health Empowerment Project regarding the provision of homeless peer advocacy services for individuals with mental illness in the amount of \$112,753 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

14. Authorizing an Agreement with Northeast Career Planning Regarding Educational and Career Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Northeast Career Planning (The Workshop) for the provision of Personal Recovery Oriented System and vocational services to individuals with mental health issues and developmental disabilities in the amount of \$365,427 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
15. Authorizing an Agreement with Parsons Family and Children Center Regarding Crisis Intervention Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center regarding the provision of crisis services, advocacy, recreation, and vocational services to children with mental illness in the amount of \$898,890 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
16. Authorizing an Agreement with Rehabilitation Support Services Regarding Supportive Housing and Outreach Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Rehabilitation Support Services for the provision of supported housing, personal recovery oriented system services, transportation, and mental illness and chemical addiction services for individuals with mental health issues in the amount of \$3,732,065 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
17. Authorizing an Agreement with St. Anne Institute Regarding Day Treatment and Vocational Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with St. Anne Institute regarding the provision of day treatment and vocational services for children with mental illness and emotional disturbance in the amount of \$161,394 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending

December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

18. Authorizing an Agreement with Pearl Street Counseling Regarding Outpatient Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Pearl Street Counseling regarding the provision of medically supervised outpatient treatment for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of \$373,293 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
19. Authorizing an Agreement with Hope House Regarding Residential Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Hope House, Inc. regarding the provision of residential and case management services for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of \$2,959,263 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
20. Authorizing an Agreement with Hospitality House Regarding Intensive Substance Abuse Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Hospitality House T.C., Inc. regarding residential care services for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of \$947,557 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
21. Authorizing an Agreement with Equinox Regarding Outpatient Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc. regarding the provision of outpatient substance abuse services to individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of \$449,307 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
22. Authorizing an Agreement with Capital Region BOCES Regarding Substance Abuse Prevention Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Capital Region BOCES regarding the provision of school-based substance abuse intervention services for individuals with chemical dependencies, with a

focus on prevention, in the amount of \$152,254 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

23. Authorizing an Agreement with Addictions Care Center Regarding Community Residential and Case Management Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Addictions Care Center of Albany regarding the provision of intensive residential services, case management, education and prevention services to individuals with substance abuse and narcotic addiction in the amount of \$1,672,215 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

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