

RESOLUTION NO. 323

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING SERVICES FOR SAFETY NET AND TANF APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

Introduced: 8/14/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The New York State Welfare Reform Act of 1997 mandates that local social services districts screen all adult public assistance applicants and recipients for alcohol and substance abuse, and if indicated, obtain related assessments of treatment needs including level of care and employability determinations, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Mental Health regarding assessment and referral services for Safety Net and TANF applicants and recipients in the amount of \$250,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated the amount above represents the salaries, fringe, supervision, and associated lab costs associated with two full-time Mental Health Certified Alcohol Substance Abuse Counselors on staff in the Mental Health Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Departments of Social Services and Mental Health regarding services for Safety Net and TANF applicants and recipients in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, 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 this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote - 8/14/23

RESOLUTION NO. 324

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EQUINOX, INC. REGARDING
RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**

Introduced: 8/14/23
By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Department of Social Services is required by New York State Social Services Law to provide for per diem reimbursements to State-approved providers of emergency shelter to victims of residential domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc. as a state-approved provider of services regarding victims in need of domestic violence shelters, safe homes, and safe dwellings based upon case-specific eligibility at the New York State-established per diem rate of \$99.32 per eligible person, or at a rate subsequently promulgated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc., Albany, NY 12206 for residential domestic violence shelter services at the New York State-established per diem rate of \$99.32 per eligible person, or at a rate subsequently promulgated by the OCFS, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, 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 this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 8/14/23

RESOLUTION NO. 325

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 162 FOR 2023 REGARDING THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Introduced: 8/14/23
By Social Services Committee and Miller:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 162 for 2023, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County regarding the Home Energy Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 for a term commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to amend the aforementioned agreement to indicate an increase in the amount of \$20,000, for a total contract amount of \$180,000, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 162 for 2023 is hereby amended to indicate a total contract amount of \$180,000, and, be it further

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

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate Cornell Cooperative Extension and County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 8/14/23