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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 enter into an intergovernmental data sharing agreement with the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center and other local police agencies. In an effort to combat a sustained opioid abuse and overdose crisis, Albany County will employ a collaborative response to review incidents involving individuals suspected of overdosing on narcotic, controlled, or other medicinal substances. Using surveillance data from ODMAP (Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program) and police data from participating agencies, ACDMH's Overdose Response Team will engage individuals suspected of overdosing and provide them with avenues for treatment and additional supportive services.

Albany County, in collaboration with the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center (CRCAC), participating law enforcement agencies and other human service providers intends to obtain and analyze quantitative and qualitative data on overdoses within the confines of the County of Albany. There is no County Share associated with this request.

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  
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