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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 amend the 2025 Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) budget in order to transfer funds from a vacant Supervising Psychologist and Staff Social Worker lines into our overtime account. The overtime account will be depleted of funds by September. We are requesting a transfer of \$55,000 in order to ensure adequate funds will be available for the remainder of 2025.

The reasons for the increase in overtime are due to the evening and weekend coverage required due to increased vacancies at Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) in the ACCORD/Mobile Crisis Unit, as well as the large census of inmates requiring additional Mental Health Services at the Albany County Correctional Facility.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

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