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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) seeks permission to apply for a \$120,000 Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Implementation Grant from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). This grant will enhance our automated EMR system, improving data collection and reporting to the OASAS Client Data System (CDS). The benefits include streamlined data collection and analysis, improved patient outcomes through individualized treatment plans, and reduced administrative burden, allowing staff to focus more on direct patient care.

Please feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me 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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