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The Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chairwoman, Albany County Legislature
Legislative Clerk's Office
112 State Street, Suite 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (SPRNC) respectfully requests to amend the 2025 Albany County Adopted Budget. This request is due in part to the success of the Nurse Aide Training Program (NATP) started earlier this year. The current class is full and the next two scheduled classes also have full enrollment. After completing certification, these Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's) can be offered full or part time positions at Shaker Place. We have learned that the onboarding of these Nurse Aid Trainees are best on boarded as Temporary Help and then moved to full or part time CNA lines. The request contains the refunding of sixteen (16) full-time CNA lines.

Additional administrative adjustments are also requested to fund negative line or soon to be negative lines of the 2025 Adopted Budget. This includes personnel non-individual lines such as Overtime and Temporary Help that are used to bridge the staffing model when filling vacancies. The use of agency nursing staff to fill in for vacancies was eliminated this year to rely on our own staffing and recruitment efforts. Another administrative adjustment is the creation of two (2) Speech Therapists for the therapy department. Currently, we contract for two speech therapist to do treatments, evaluations and patient driven payment model (PDPM) work. The creation of these positions will allow for these services to be provided in house and not rely on contracted services. This request is budget neutral and if any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Olsen
Executive Director

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel

