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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 for a budget amendment and increased contract authorization for Hope House Inc. NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) notified the Department of Mental Health that they were providing additional funding of \$116,432. The additional funding covers a 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The Hope House budget will need to be increased by \$79,702 in order to balance the 2022 Hope House budget line. There is no County share associated with this contract.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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