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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
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Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a contract in 2024 with Equinox for the provision of outpatient treatment services to Albany County citizens with substance abuse and narcotic addiction related issues. NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) will provide pass through funding to Equinox through Albany County Department of Mental Health for \$385,501. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2024 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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