

RESOLUTION NO. 502

AUTHORIZING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING SERVICES FOR SAFETY NET AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

Introduced: 12/8/25

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The New York State Welfare Reform Act of 1997 mandates that local social services districts screen all adult public assistance applicants and recipients for alcohol and substance abuse, and if indicated, obtain related assessments of treatment needs including level of care and employability determinations, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Mental Health regarding assessment and referral services for Safety Net and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families applicants and recipients in the amount of \$250,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the amount above represents the salaries, fringe, supervision, and associated lab costs associated with two full-time Mental Health Certified Alcohol Substance Abuse Counselors on staff in the Mental Health Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Services and the Department of Mental Health regarding services for Safety Net and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families applicants and recipients in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.