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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 in order to transfer funds from a vacant Staff Social Worker line into our overtime account. The overtime account is currently 23% over budget. We are requesting a transfer of \$35,000 in order to ensure adequate funds will be available for the remainder of 2021. The reasons for the increase in overtime this year is Staff Social Worker vacancies in our 24/7 Mobile Crisis Team and a large census of inmates requiring additional Mental Health Services at the Albany County Correctional Facility.

Feel free to contact Mark Gleason or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,


Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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