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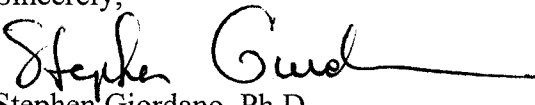
Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission for an Overtime Budget Amendment and a Salary Step increase for a Keyboard Specialist I. The Overtime Budget Amendment request is to transfer funds from a vacant Mental Health Assistant line into our overtime account. We are requesting a transfer of \$36,976 in order to ensure that adequate funds will be available for the remainder of 2022. 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. The salary step increase for the Keyboard Specialist I is needed to bring this line up to the salary commensurate with what was negotiated in the last Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald 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
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