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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street
Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission to extend Albany Medical Center's (AMC) Opioid Settlement Funded Community Grant for an additional year. With the County's approval, AMC's OSF Community Grant Contract will be extended to June 30, 2027; no additional funding will be provided, but CPESN will retain access to the \$70,935 remaining in their award.

In 2024, AMC was awarded a \$175,000 Opioid Settlement Community Grant to hire a case manager to work with patients in their addiction treatment program. Their work would focus on client retention: providing ongoing support, calling patients who have upcoming appointments, setting up transportation, and assisting patients with basic needs, including food, government ids and cell phones.

Albany Medical Center has submitted claims for \$35,000 and \$69,065 but currently has \$70,935 remaining in their grant. The full amount would have been spent before their contract period ended on June 30, 2026, but there were delays in filling the case manager position. Additionally, the first case manager who was hired left the position in September 2025, leading to another delay. The new case manager has been serving clients since October 2025 and has maintained an average monthly case load of 37 clients.

Albany Medical Center is requesting approval to extend their grant for one more year so they can spend down their \$70,935 balance. Once the grant ends, AMC plans to use the data they have collected to propose that the position be moved over to the hospital's budget.

Feel free to contact me or Adam Kirkman if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.

Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
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