



*COUNTY OF ALBANY*  
**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**  
**175 GREEN STREET**  
**ALBANY, NEW YORK 12202**  
**518-447-4537 FAX 518-447-4577**  
**WWW.ALBANYCOUNTY.COM**

*Stephen J. Giordano, Ph.D.*  
*Director of Mental Health*

*Cindy G. Hoffman*  
*Deputy Director*

*Daniel P. McCoy*  
*County Executive*

*Daniel C Lynch, Esq.*  
*Deputy County Executive*

January 25, 2021

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

Dear Chairman Joyce,

In recognition of the expansion and enhancement of the Department of Mental Health's crisis/emergency services, the Department of Mental Health requests permission to create a Clinical Director position. The Clinical Director would be in charge of directing all the Department of Mental Health's Crisis services and training. The Clinical Director's position will allow for the oversight of all aspects of the DMH's Crisis/Emergency Services including the new ACCORD program (Albany County Crisis Officials Responding & Diverting) as well as allow for an increased focus and expansion of law enforcement training and partnerships. The position would be funded by using existing personnel lines within the Department of Mental Health's 2021 budget.

Feel free to contact me or Mark Gleason 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  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel