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

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a contract in 2022 with Capital Area Peer Services (CAPS) for the provision of peer advocacy and support, care line and consumer drop in center services to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) shall provide pass through funding to CAPS through Albany County Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$438,523. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2022 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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