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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 to enter into a contract in 2021 with Mental Health Empowerment Project (MHEP) for the provision of MICA Homeless peer advocacy and support to Albany County citizens suffering from mental illness. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) shall provide pass through funding to MHEP through Albany County Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$117,375. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2021 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

Feel free to contact Sarah Cantwell 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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