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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission to amend the 2026 budget to advance administrative restructuring goals through the reallocation of funds from a long vacant and historically difficult to fill position (PT Supervising Psychologist).

Through this amendment two (2) mid-level management positions critical to DMH's overall programmatic effectiveness and efficiency will be retained along with (2) senior-level administrative positions with extensive institutional knowledge of DMH's operations as well as (1) management confidential/administrative secretary central to supporting operations.

Retaining these five staff will allow a reassignment of duties, a rebalancing of responsibilities and a re-alignment of departmental goals to prepare a strong foundation for future succession planning.

Please feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me should you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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