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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) requests permission to award RFP #2024-078 Pharmacy Services to Genoa Healthcare. RFP #2024-078 requested proposals for innovative pharmacy services to better serve ACDMH adult patients that are currently enrolled in its integrated Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) clinic located at 260 South Pearl Street and its Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team located at 175 Green Street. Individuals who struggle with severe behavioral health concerns are often challenged with their ability to adhere to or follow up on medical advice. A Co-located pharmacy, adjacent to ACDMH, would allow patients to be able to receive their medications immediately. This would also enhance the likelihood that ACDMH patients will receive a more comprehensive and holistic approach to their mental healthcare needs; clinicians will be assured that their patients will be able to follow up on receiving their proper medications directly. ACDMH will achieve the goal of reducing barriers that interfere to the provision of patient's mental healthcare needs, allowing all ACDMH patients to meet their compliance goals. Genoa Healthcare pharmacy services will provide ease of access that will increase medication adherence and improve overall clinical outcomes for ACDMH's patients that struggle with medication adherence. There is no County share associated with this contract.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald 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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