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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) respectfully requests approval to amend the 2026 budget to authorize the pass-through of funds received from the New York State Office of Mental Health to the Albany County Department for Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) & Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH).

The total amount to be transferred to DCYF is \$61,198, as detailed in the proposed budget amendment. The total amount to be transferred to ACDMH is \$123,836. We are respectfully requesting to bring this process into the Department of Mental Health in order to increase efficiencies across both departments to monitor services dollars more closely through ongoing allocations.

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

Sincerely,

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

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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