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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 2024 with St. Peter's Hospital/SPARC for the provision of community residential and case management services to Albany County citizens with substance abuse and narcotic addiction related issues. NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) will provide pass through funding to St. Peter's/SPARC through Albany County Department of Mental Health for \$377,637. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2024 budget. 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

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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