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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street
Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to amend the 2024 Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) budget in order to allocate funds received from the New York State Office of Mental Health into a new personnel line for an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Employment Specialist position within ACDMH. The IPS Employment Specialist would be a professional position responsible for working with individuals within the ACDMH's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team to gain competitive employment. There is no County share associated with this request.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me if you have questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
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