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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 for a Budget Amendment in order to transfer funds from two vacant Staff Social Workers lines into our overtime account. The overtime account is projected to be depleted of funds in September. We are requesting a transfer of \$40,000 in order to ensure adequate funds will be available for the remainder of 2023. The reasons for the increase in overtime this year is Staff Social Worker vacancies in our 24/7 Mobile Crisis Team and a large census of inmates requiring additional Mental Health Services at the Albany County Correctional Facility.

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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