AGENDA

HEALTH COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

2. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL DISTRICT PHYSICIANS' HEALTH PLAN REGARDING THE CLINIC PLUS PROGRAM
Honorable Andrew Joyce and Members of the Albany County Legislature:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The Health Committee of the Albany County Legislature met on October 30, 2019. Chairman R. Joyce, Messrs. Cahill, Domalewicz, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Ward, and Ms. Willingham were present. Messrs. Drake, Hogan, and Ms. McLean Lane were excused. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

Approving Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved.

1. Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the New York State Department of Health Regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program: The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Health regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

2. Authorizing an Agreement with BlueShield of Northeastern New York Regarding the National Diabetes Prevention Program: The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with BlueShield of Northeastern New York regarding the aforementioned grant funds in the amount of $50,000 annually for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022, for a total grant award of $150,000. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

3. Authorizing an Agreement with Catholic Charities Regarding the Provision of Substance Abuse Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Catholic Charities regarding peer engagement and open access services for individuals with substance abuse and narcotic addiction related issues in the amount of $157,500 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

4. Authorizing an Agreement with Capital Counseling Regarding the Provision of Gambling Addiction Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Capital Counseling regarding services for individuals with compulsive gambling addiction in the amount of $246,413 for a term
commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

5. Authorizing an Agreement with Senior Hope Counseling Regarding the Provision of Supervised Outpatient Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Senior Hope Counseling, Inc. for the provision of chemical dependency counseling and treatment services for individuals over the age of fifty years in the amount of $228,074 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

6. Authorizing an Agreement with St. Peter’s SPARC Regarding the Provision of Community Residential and Case Management Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with St. Peter’s Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC) regarding the provision of community residential services, case management, education and prevention services to individuals with substance abuse and narcotic addiction in the amount of $329,829 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

7. Authorizing an Agreement with Trinity Alliance Regarding Intensive Residential Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. regarding the provision of intensive residential adult treatment for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of $388,651 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

8. Authorizing an Interdepartmental Agreement Regarding Single Point of Access Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families for the provision of health home care management, clinic, and single point of access services for individuals with mental health issues in the amount of $308,007 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.
9. Authorizing an Agreement with Capital Area Peer Services Regarding Peer Advocacy and Support Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Capital Area Peer Services for the provision of peer support and inpatient diversion services for individuals with mental health issues the amount of $416,827 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

10. Authorizing an Agreement with Community Maternity Services Regarding the Provision of Case Management Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of support services for children with mental illness or emotional disturbance, as well as their families, in the amount of $123,315 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

11. Authorizing an Agreement with Equinox Regarding Supportive Housing Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc. for the provision of health home care management, supported housing, personal recovery oriented systems (PROS), and family support services for individuals with mental health issues in the amount of $963,262 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

12. Authorizing an Agreement with the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society Regarding Supportive Housing Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society for the provision of diversion, outreach, supported housing, and representative payee services to individuals with mental illness in the amount of $455,105 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

13. Authorizing an Agreement with the Mental Health Empowerment Project Regarding Homeless Peer Advocacy Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an
agreement with the Mental Health Empowerment Project regarding the provision of homeless peer advocacy services for individuals with mental illness in the amount of $112,753 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

14. Authorizing an Agreement with Northeast Career Planning Regarding Educational and Career Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Northeast Career Planning (The Workshop) for the provision of Personal Recovery Oriented System and vocational services to individuals with mental health issues and developmental disabilities in the amount of $365,427 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

15. Authorizing an Agreement with Parsons Family and Children Center Regarding Crisis Intervention Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center regarding the provision of crisis services, advocacy, recreation, and vocational services to children with mental illness in the amount of $898,890 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

16. Authorizing an Agreement with Rehabilitation Support Services Regarding Supportive Housing and Outreach Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Rehabilitation Support Services for the provision of supported housing, personal recovery oriented system services, transportation, and mental illness and chemical addiction services for individuals with mental health issues in the amount of $3,732,065 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

17. Authorizing an Agreement with St. Anne Institute Regarding Day Treatment and Vocational Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with St. Anne Institute regarding the provision of day treatment and vocational services for children with mental illness and emotional disturbance in the amount of $161,394 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending
December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

18. Authorizing an Agreement with Pearl Street Counseling Regarding Outpatient Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Pearl Street Counseling regarding the provision of medically supervised outpatient treatment for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of $373,293 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

19. Authorizing an Agreement with Hope House Regarding Residential Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Hope House, Inc. regarding the provision of residential and case management services for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of $2,959,263 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

20. Authorizing an Agreement with Hospitality House Regarding Intensive Substance Abuse Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Hospitality House T.C., Inc. regarding residential care services for individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of $947,557 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

21. Authorizing an Agreement with Equinox Regarding Outpatient Treatment Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc. regarding the provision of outpatient substance abuse services to individuals with chemical dependencies in the amount of $449,307 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

22. Authorizing an Agreement with Capital Region BOCES Regarding Substance Abuse Prevention Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Capital Region BOCES regarding the provision of school-based substance abuse intervention services for individuals with chemical dependencies, with a
focus on prevention, in the amount of $152,254 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

23. Authorizing an Agreement with Addictions Care Center Regarding Community Residential and Case Management Services: The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Addictions Care Center of Albany regarding the provision of intensive residential services, case management, education and prevention services to individuals with substance abuse and narcotic addiction in the amount of $1,672,215 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,
THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

RAYMOND F. JOYCE, Chairperson
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GARY DOMALEWIECZ
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October 9, 2019

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 one year contract with Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) for the provision of psychiatrist and nurse practitioner mental health services to patients being served at the Albany County Department of Mental Health, ACT Team and the Albany County Correctional Facility. Contract is not to exceed $1,925,000.00 annually.

Feel free to contact me or Kelle Roberts if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauro, Minority Leader
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
Minority Counsel
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):
Contract Authorization for PGA (Psychiatric Group of Albany)

Date: October 9, 2019
Submitted By: Mark Gleason
Department: Mental Health
Title: Operations Analyst
Phone: 518-447-3014
Department Rep.:
Attending Meeting: Stephen Giordano, Ph.D. Director

Purpose of Request:

☐ Adopting of Local Law
☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
☐ Bond Approval
☐ Budget Amendment
☒ Contract Authorization
☐ Countywide Services
☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
☐ Home Rule Request
☐ Property Conveyance
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):
☐ Contractual
☐ Equipment
☐ Fringe
☐ Personnel
☐ Personnel Non-Individual
CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:
☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment
☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Requirements
☒ Professional Services
☐ Education/Training
☐ Grant
Choose an item.
Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.
☐ Settlement of a Claim
☐ Release of Liability
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) Hilton Road, Slingerlands NY 12159

Additional Parties (Names(addresses)):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: $1,925,000.00
Scope of Services: For the provision of psychiatric services to patients served by Albany
County Department Mental Health

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.
Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
County Budget Accounts:
Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.
Appropriation Account and Line: AA4310 44248
Appropriation Amount: $1,925,000.00

Source of Funding - (Percentages)
Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: Click or tap here to enter text.
County: 100%
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term
Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2020-12/31/2020
Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation
Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
Resolution/Law Number: 480
Date of Adoption: 11/14/2016

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)
The Albany County Department of Mental Health currently has a contract with the Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) for the provision of psychiatric services delivered by Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners. The current contract is set to expire on December 31, 2019. At this time we are proposing to enter into a new one-year agreement with the PGA to continue to provide psychiatric services to patients served by the Mental Health Department in our Clinics, Jail by our ACT Team until December 31, 2020. The total amount of the contract will be $1,925,000.

The PGA is managed by Thomas Qualtere MD. Dr. Qualtere has been providing services to the Albany County Department of Mental Health for 26 years. The advantage of this arrangement is that there has been a high quality of psychiatric care and stability of services to our patients. Dr. Qualtere provides clinical management of the entire PGA psychiatric team and coordinates time off for his staff allowing for sufficient coverage for our patients' needs.
October 25, 2019

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 with CDPHP (Capital District Physicians' Health Plan). CDPHP proposes to partner with ACDMH (Albany County Department of Mental Health) to reduce unnecessary psychiatric emergency department admissions and use of inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations along with the associated costs by offering CDPHP members more intensive services and a higher level of care (other than standard outpatient clinic treatment). One ACDMH social worker will be dedicated to working with CDPHP members in hopes of avoiding costly psychiatric emergency department admissions. CDPHP will reimburse ACDMH for personnel costs associated with the program. The CDPHP/ACDMH partnership will satisfy the NYS proposition (soon to be mandated) of Value Based System of Care and Reimbursement. VBP (Value Based Payments) rewards partnerships between Health Care entities that work together to reduce psychiatric emergency department admissions and hospital stays.

Feel free to contact me or Kelle Roberts if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
Minority Counsel
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):
Request to enter into a contract with Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan

Date: October 25, 2019
Submitted By: Mark Gleason
Department: Mental Health
Title: Operations Analyst
Phone: 518-447-3014
Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.

Purpose of Request:

☐ Adopting of Local Law
☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
☐ Bond Approval
☐ Budget Amendment
☒ Contract Authorization
☐ Countywide Services
☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
☐ Home Rule Request
☐ Property Conveyance
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):
☐ Contractual
☐ Equipment
☐ Fringe
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☐ Personnel Non-Individual
CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:
☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment
☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Requirements
☐ Professional Services
☐ Education/Training
☐ Grant

Choose an item.
 Submission Date Deadline: Click or tap to enter a date.
☐ Settlement of a Claim
☐ Release of Liability
☒ Other: (state if not listed) CDPHP (Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan) to partner with Albany County Department of Mental Health’s Clinic Plus program to reduce unnecessary psychiatric emergency department admissions and use of inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations along with the associated costs.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan 500 patroon Creek Blvd. Albany, NY 12206-1057

Additional Parties (Names_addresses):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount Raise Schedule/Fee: $300,000
Scope of Services: ACDMH to offer Clinic Plus Program services to CDPHP membership.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
County Budget Accounts:
Revenue Account and Line: AA14310.1625
Revenue Amount: $300,000

Appropriation Account and Line: AA310.44248-$100,000, AA310.12205 024-$56,935, AA310.12201 001-$55,655.25, AA4310.44038-$6000, AA4310.44046-$22,862.82, AA4310.89010-$18,149.55, AA4310.89030-$9,367.51, AA4310.89060 $31,029.87
Appropriation Amount: $300,000

Source of Funding - (Percentages)
Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: Click or tap here to enter text.
County: 100% Funded by CDPHP (Capital District Physicians' Health Plan)
Local: 

Term
Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2020-12/31/2020
Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation
Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
Resolution/Law Number: N/A
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)
CDPHP (Capital District Physicians' Health Plan) proposes to partner with ACDMH (Albany County Department of Mental Health) to reduce unnecessary psychiatric emergency department admissions and use of inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations along with the associated costs by offering CDPHP members more intensive services and a higher level of care (other than standard outpatient clinic treatment). The program will serve targeted, high need patients that have difficulty linking with traditional care. One ACDMH social worker will be dedicated to working with CDPHP members in hopes of avoiding costly psychiatric emergency department admissions. CDPHP will reimburse ACDMH for personnel costs and psychiatry time associated with the program. The CDPHP/ACDMH partnership will satisfy the NYS proposition (soon to be mandated) of Value Based System of Care and Reimbursement. VBP (Value Based Payments) rewards partnerships between Health Care entities that work together to reduce psychiatric emergency department admissions and hospital stays.
October 01, 2019

Cindy Hoffman, LCSW-R
Associate Director of Clinical Operations
Albany County Department of Mental Health
175 Green Street
Albany, NY 12202

Dear Provider:

When we met on August 14, 2019, CDPHP noted its desire to expand the current contractual relationship with Albany County Department of Mental Health to include the Clinic Plus program as an offering for our CDPHP members. During the meeting, you provided an outline of the readmission avoidance intervention program for high needs behavioral health members.

As we are always looking for programs that create quality, efficiency, and cost savings and also engender member satisfaction, CDPHP proposes we continue contractual discussions to provide support for the program. Of course, this commitment and the ultimate agreement will be dependent upon the continued success of the program.

We value our current partnership with Albany County Department of Mental Health and believe this commitment is an important one to sustain for the health of our community.

We applaud you for the success of your innovative behavioral health program and look forward to continuing our relationship with Albany County Department of Mental Health for the benefit of our members in the Capital Region.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Denise Corcoran
Senior Vice President, Healthcare Network Strategy
Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan