

Amending The County Budget To Use Opioid Settlement Funding To Implement The Mental Health In Schools Program – Department Of Mental Health

Referred to: The Health, Human Services and Housing Committee (Chair Walter and Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, and Uchitelle), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Chair of the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee, Eve Walter, and Deputy Chair Craig V. Lopez offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Ulster County Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Attorney General has remitted Ulster County \$229,241 in Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, one approved use for the Opioid Settlement Funding is to support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people, including services and supports provided by school nurses or other school staff, to address mental health needs in young people that (when not properly addressed) increase the risk of opioid or other drug misuse; and

WHEREAS, challenges maintaining optimal mental health and difficulties with the social determinants of health, significantly affect the ability of youth to attend school and succeed academically; and

WHEREAS, access to school-based behavioral health supports and services that have the ability to extend into the community, has been demonstrated to improve school attendance; and

WHEREAS, support services are particularly needed in rural counties where families are often unable to travel great distances to engage in office based services; and

WHEREAS, the County developed and released an RFP seeking to obtain proposals for behavioral health programming embedded within Ulster County school districts; and

WHEREAS, proposed programs will serve to buttress existing services available both in school and the community and provide intensive, time-limited clinical intervention and care coordination to Ulster County students; and

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WHEREAS, this program will be a part of the school community at each of our 9 districts and act as a link between school, community, and family, with services targeted toward middle-school age young people identified by the school as being able to benefit from targeted support, brief intervention, and linkage to community resources; and

WHEREAS, this program will aim to promote overall wellness at school and home, build protective factors to offset the effects of trauma, and directly target social determinants of health to help make our communities stronger; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, in order to implement the Mental Health in Schools Program, funding in the amount of \$229,241 in Opioid Settlement Funds shall be allocated to support said program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Ulster County Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows:

| | <u>INCREASE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| AA.4320.2307-4300.4505 (App.#) | Other Professional Services | \$229,241.00 |
| AA.4320.2307-3300.3486 (Rev.#), | State Aid, Narcotic Addiction Control | \$229,241.00 |

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Corcoran)

Passed Committee: Health, Human Services and Housing on June 8, 2022

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means for one week on June 14, 2022

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on June 21, 2022

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$229,241.00 - ADDITIONAL 2022 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$229,241.00 - ADDITIONAL 2022 STATE REVENUE DOLLARS

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 21st Day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 24th Day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
24th Day of June 2022.

Approved by the County Executive this
27th Day of June 2022.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Patrick K. Ryan
Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive