

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Mental Health And The Institute For Family Health – Creating One Staff Psychiatrist Position – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Mental Health

The Health Services Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Briggs, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Petit, Roberti and Ronk) offers the following:

WHEREAS, persons with serious mental illness have a statistically higher incidence of serious medical problems, and

WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that persons with serious mental illness die an average of 25 years younger than the general population, and

WHEREAS, there are significant societal costs associated with the higher incidence of health problems associated with these populations, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this situation, the New York State Office of Mental Health has made it a priority to promote the integration of health and mental health services, and

WHEREAS, Mental Health wishes to enter into a joint venture with the Institute for Family Health, the largest provider of primary health care services in Ulster County, for the purpose of improving access to primary health services for consumers served by Mental Health, and

WHEREAS, Mental Health and the Institute for Family Health have proposed an initiative to implement and study a collaborative model of integrating services, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health has agreed to participate in funding for this study, and

WHEREAS, this initiative will involve the creation of a psychiatry position that will oversee access to services by consumers within both organizations, provide training and consultation to primary care physicians in regard to the treatment of behavioral health problems, and oversee the integration of medical and mental health services in both organizations, and

WHEREAS, Mental Health is requesting that the 2008 Ulster County Budget be amended, effective September 1, 2008, to create a psychiatry line for this initiative

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and to accept income from the Institute for Family Health and the New York State Office of Mental Health to support this position, and

WHEREAS, Mental Health will use 100% Federal salary sharing dollars to free up existing County Contribution within the department to finance its share of this initiative, and

WHEREAS, Mental Health is further requesting that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into a contract with the Institute for Family Health, which will allow the department to accept reimbursement from the Institute toward this initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Health Services Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the 2008 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>CREATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4310-1905 (PC #)	Staff Psychiatrist (35 hrs/week) (Annual Salary - Level 3/Entry Level (Effective September 1, 2008) (Salary to year end \$55,489.00)	\$165,207.00

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	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-2290-1005	Administration Regular Pay	\$ 55,489.00
A4-3800-8021	Retirement	\$ 5,022.00
A4-3850-8002	Social Security	\$ 4,245.00
A4-4000-8021 (App. #'s)	Health Insurance	\$ 5,817.00
A3-2290-2776	Administration Other Mental Health Income	\$ 35,287.00
A3-2304-4490	Federal Aid Mental Health	\$ 17,643.00
A3-2290-3490 (Rev. #'s)	Administration State Aid Mental Health	\$ 17,643.00

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the New York State Office of Mental Health and the Institute for Family Health, to promote the integration of health and mental health services, in the form to be filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, if funding for this program is eliminated, the position (and/or program) will be eliminated as well,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Petit)
(Absent: Legislators Kraft, Roberti and Sheeley)

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$70,573.00 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$35,287.00 – ADDITIONAL FEES MENTAL HEALTH

\$17,643.00 – ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE DOLLARS

\$17,643.00 – ADDITIONAL FEDERAL REVENUE DOLLARS

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