RESOLUTION NO. 126

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OF FORENSICS REGARDING FUNDING FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AT THE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Introduced: 4/14/14
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to submit an application to the NYS Office of Mental Health Division of Forensics regarding funding for a pilot program to address mental health issues at the County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that the goal of the program is to enhance collaboration between the mental health and local correctional systems and to reduce recidivism by providing essential services that support better treatment outcomes for individuals with mental illness who are confined to jail and for individuals with mental illness who are returning to the community, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that program funding would be for two years in the amount of $100,000 ($50,000 annually), the first year of funding would be dedicated to the planning phase with a comprehensive review of the current system and the second year of the funding would be used to support the implementation phase during which evidence based service and process enhancement identified during the planning phase will be implemented, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit an application to the NYS Office of Mental Health Division of Forensics regarding funding for a two year pilot program to address mental health issues at the County Correctional Facility in the amount of $100,000, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 4/14/14