

RESOLUTION NO. 322

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HOPE HOUSE, INC. REGARDING A WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY RESIDENCE

Introduced: 9/8/14

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has recommended that the County renew an agreement with Hope House, Inc. to provide residential services for women experiencing alcohol/substance abuse and their children ages newborn through nine, and

WHEREAS, Women that are single, pregnant or have children will be eligible for admission to the facility which has a capacity of 21 adults and up to 12 children, with occupancy expected to average 24 individuals, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the facility will fill a critical gap in the continuum of services available to women in Albany County and will allow women to secure appropriate treatment services without disrupting their parenting roles with their children, and

WHEREAS, The services to be provided by the facility will include room and board, medical services, coordination with alcohol/substance abuse treatment, child care, parenting education and modeling, assessment of special needs, appropriate recreational opportunities for children and families and other related services, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Hope House, Inc. regarding the provision of a community residence for women and children in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 at New York State-established rates, currently set at \$966 per month for adults, plus a \$160 personal needs allowance and \$36.16 per diem for children, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement 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. 9/8/14