

RESOLUTION NO. 315

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE SAMHSA GRANT

Introduced: 9/8/08

By Social Services Committee, Messrs. Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into the fifth year of a multi-year agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the period beginning October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 in the amount of \$1,500,000, and

WHEREAS, Albany County was one of only four sites in the nation awarded a multi-year Federal SAMHSA grant from among 60 applicants and will receive \$9.4 million over six years to expand community-based mental health services for children and youth with emotional disturbances, and

WHEREAS, The grant funding will expand assessment services to include medical and psychiatric services to help resolve the local shortage of child psychiatric services and fund three fully operational community-based family and youth resource centers offering family support, respite, information and referrals, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the period beginning October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 regarding the SAMHSA Grant, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany 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. 9/8/08