RESOLUTION NO. 438

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EQUINOX, INC. REGARDING RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Introduced: 11/13/07
By Social Services Committee, Mr. McCoy, Mss. Barlette, Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Prentiss and Mr. Tunny:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) is required by State law to provide for per diem reimbursements to State approved providers of emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, State regulations also require DSS to provide victims of domestic violence services such as counseling, court and entitlement benefit advocacy, information and referral, 24 hour hotline services and community education and outreach, and

WHEREAS, Equinox, Inc. is a State approved provider of the aforementioned services and is the only domestic violence shelter located within Albany County which will target those individuals and families assessed as experiencing domestic violence but are not necessarily ready for shelter placement, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Equinox, Inc. for domestic violence shelter residential services at the State established per diem rate of $84.40 or at a rate to be established by New York State during the agreement term of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, 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. 11/13/07