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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 2, 2025

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Acceptance and Distribution of Additional OASAS Funding for Providers

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Mental Health is seeking authorization to accept multiple awards from NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) on behalf of mental health providers and agencies as a mid-year adjustment or one-time funding for various projects and services.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner of Mental Health Sarah Bonk. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/jah/dvs
Enclosure

cc: Sarah Bonk, Commissioner of Mental Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Mental Health
Re: Acceptance and Distribution of Additional OASAS Funding for Providers
Date: July 2, 2025

SUMMARY

Erie County Department of Mental Health has received additional funds from NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for mental health providers and agencies for mid-year adjustments and one-off expenses related to services, treatments, programs, and capital expenses. Additional funds include:

\$393,984 for Horizon Village Inc.
\$200,887 for Cazenovia Recovery Systems Inc.
\$144,443 for BestSelf Behavioral Health Inc.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None. These funds are awarded by New York State and distributed through Erie County.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

These additional awards, designated and funded by OASAS, are to help providers with various expenses for their operations or capital expenses related to expanding services.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County's providers would not receive the full funding they are awarded by OASAS and could negatively impact their services, treatments, programs, and capital expenses.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Mental Health will work with Budget and Management and the County Attorney's Office to effectuate this resolution.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Re: Acceptance and Distribution of Additional OASAS Funding for Providers

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health receives funding from NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to distribute to mental health providers and agencies; and

WHEREAS, OASAS has designated additional funds for providers and agencies to increase their capacity and/or assist in capital expenses for expanding services; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is seeking authorization to accept and contract out these additional funds to providers and agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept funding from NYS OASAS on behalf of mental health providers and agencies and to amend the Department of Mental Health's Division of Program Administration's (Fund 110, Funds Center 12410) 2025 Operating Budget as follows:

Erie County Department of Mental Health
Fund 110, Fund Center 12410

REVENUES

406860 State Aid - OASAS
TOTAL

CHANGE

\$739,314
\$739,314

APPROPRIATIONS

517535 BestSelf Beh. Health Inc. ASA
517614 Caz. Recovery Systems ASA
517663 Horizon Village Inc. ASA
TOTAL

CHANGE

\$144,443
\$200,887
\$393,984
\$739,314

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into and amend existing contracts with BestSelf Behavioral Health Inc., Cazenovia Recovery Systems and Horizon Village Inc. waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Mental Health, and Division of Budget and Management.