MEMORANDUM

TO:     Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM:   Jack Moffitt, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE:   December 11, 2020

RE:     Matter of Importance – File No. 20-0437

20-0437 - Acceptance of a Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Embedding Clinicians in Law Enforcement Agencies, and Amend the Resolution Adopted Pursuant to Referral 20-0367 Authorizing Contracts for the Provision of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services in 2021 – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Adam J. Bello

This referral was not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on December 8, 2020, but has been determined by President Dr. Joe Carbone to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Section 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments
December 11, 2020

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Embedding Clinicians in Law Enforcement Agencies, and Amend the Resolution Adopted Pursuant to Referral 20-0367 Authorizing Contracts for the Provision of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services in 2021

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Embedding Clinicians in Law Enforcement Agencies in the amount of $653,199 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023 and amend the resolution adopted pursuant to Referral 20-0367 authorizing contracts for the provision of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services in 2021 to increase the total amount to not to exceed $40,120,086 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who encounter the justice system. The Monroe County Office of Mental Health, in partnership with the Monroe County Law Enforcement Council, seek to expand the effective collaboration of the Coordinated Care Services Inc. Forensic Intervention Team by increasing staff to incorporate overnight hours in which there is currently a gap. This is the first time the County will receive this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a $653,199 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Embedding Clinicians in Law Enforcement Agencies for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, by appropriating the sum of $215,735 into general fund 9300, funds center 5702010000, Mental Health Services.

3. Amend the resolution adopted pursuant to Referral 20-0367 authorizing contracts for the provision of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services in 2021 to increase the total amount to not to exceed $40,120,086 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
4. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of these funds in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriated any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

5. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolition of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Partial funding for these contracts is included in the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, general fund 9001, fund centers 5702010000, Mental Health Services, 5702030000, Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Services; and 5702020000, Developmental Disabilities Services. The appropriated amount will adjust the current funding to that established by the grant.

Coordinated Care Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive