

RESOLUTION NO. 2026031

RE: AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH

Legislators VALDÉS SMITH, ATKINS, POLASEK, BRENDLI, CASWELL, DRAGO, KAUL,
KEARNEY, LAWLER, REDL, RHODES, SHAH and WINSBY offer the following and move its
adoption:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health ("DMH") has advised
that the County shall receive opioid settlement funds for many years to come, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health ("DMH") seeks authorization to appropriate
\$18,000 of Restricted Opioid Settlement Funds to provide equine therapy services for people who
utilize the treatment programs and the Empowerment Center at 230 North Road, and

WHEREAS, the program will serve mental health recipients, including individuals with opioid
use disorder (OUD) and/or occurring substance use and mental health conditions, and

WHEREAS, equine therapy is a trauma-informed, recovery-support, and treatment-adjacent
behavioral health intervention and these non-clinical services align with approved uses of Restricted
Opioid Settlement Funds, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2026 Adopted County Budget to provide funds to meet
the County's need for these services, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized, empowered and directed
to amend the 2026 Adopted County Budget as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

Increase

A.4320.80.4401.106	Professional Services	<u>\$18,000</u>
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REVENUES

Increase

A.4320.80.95110.16	Appropriated Reserve Opioid Settlement	<u>\$18,000</u>
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APPROVED

CA-019-26; CRC/mar/rjw

02/03/2026; G-1922; Fiscal Impact: See attached statement

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date March 12, 2026

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original
resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 11th day of March, 2026, and that the same is a true and
correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 11th day of March, 2026.



JULIA SHIROISHI, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Roll Call Sheets

District	Last Name	YES	NO
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith	✓	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins	✓	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn	✓	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek		absent
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger	✓	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Redl	✓	
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff	✓	
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler	✓	
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Shah	✓	
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul	✓	
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Darrow	✓	
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	✓	
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson		absent
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	✓	
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Giles	✓	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Winsby	✓	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust	✓	
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul	✓	
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	✓	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago	✓	
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell	✓	
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Tresca	✓	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison		absent
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House		absent
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Alexander		absent
Present: <u>20</u>	Resolution: _____	Total: <u>20</u>	<u>0</u>
Absent: <u>5</u>	Motion: <u>Atkins/Munn</u>	Yes	No
Vacant: <u>0</u>		Abstentions: _____	

CONSENT AGENDA

2026025 - Bond Resolution Dated March 9, 2026

2026031 - Amending the 2026 Adopted County Budget (Opioid Settlement Fund)

2026032 - Amending the 2026 Adopted County Budget (OSF - Assisted Outpatient Treatment

2026036 - Authorizing Amendment of Funding Under Trade Adjustment Act

2026040 - Acquire Real Property Owned by Obsidian

2026041 - Maintenance Agreement with Town of Amenia and Harlem Valley Rail Trail

2026042 - Persons Required to File and Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure

SUE SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



JEAN-MARIE NIEBUHR, LCSW-R
COMMISSIONER

DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

To: Sue Serino, Dutchess County Executive
FROM: Sean Griffin, Director of Budget and Finance - DMH
DATE: January 29, 2026
SUBJECT: Resolution Request – Amending 2026 Budget to appropriate additional OSF funding to support a new contract

The Department of Mental Health seeks authorization to appropriate \$18,000 to provide equine therapy services for people who utilize the treatment programs and the Empowerment Center at 230 North Road. Equine therapy is a trauma-informed, recovery-support, and treatment-adjacent behavioral health intervention. The program will serve mental health recipients, including individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions.

Services are non-clinical and do not replace psychotherapy or medical treatment. Instead, the program functions as a structured recovery-support service that complements existing treatment, supervision, diversion, and re-entry programming. Ground-based experiential activities facilitated by trained practitioners are designed to promote emotional regulation, behavioral stabilization, accountability, and recovery-oriented skill development.

Participation is limited to individuals referred or approved by County-designated staff. The program is not recreational or enrichment-based and is aligned with approved opioid settlement fund uses, including treatment support, recovery services, and trauma-informed care.

Compensation shall be provided on a not-to-exceed basis in an amount of \$18,000 subject to available appropriations and County approval.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost \$ 18,000

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 18,000
and Source

Restricted Opioid Settlement Funds

Source of County Funds (check one): ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☒ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other (explain).

Identify Line Items(s):

A.4320.80.4401.106 - \$18000 (Professional Services Program)

A.4320.80.95110.16 - \$18000 (Appropriated Reserve Opioid Settlement)

Related Expenses: Amount \$ _____

Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): \$0
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

The Department of Mental Health seeks authorization to appropriate \$18,000 to provide equine therapy services for people who utilize the treatment programs and the Empowerment Center at 230 North Road. All costs associated with this contract will be funded through Restricted Opioid Settlement Funds and will not require any additional County appropriations. Participation is limited to individuals referred or approved by County-designated staff. The program is not recreational or enrichment-based and is aligned with approved opioid settlement fund uses, including treatment support, recovery services, and trauma-informed care.

Prepared by: Sean Griffin, Director of Budget and Finance

Prepared On: 1/29/2026

Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee Roll Call

<i>District</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith*	X	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins*	X	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn*	X	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek*	X	
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger*	X	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Redl (VC)		ABSENT
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler (C)	X	
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Darrow	X	
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	X	
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson		ABSENT
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	X	
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell	X	

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Absent: <u> 2 </u>	Motion: <u> </u>	Yes No
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CONSENT AGENDA: AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED (JANUARY 20, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES); RESOLUTION 2026025, 031, 032, 036, 040, 041, 042