



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 04/03/18 05:10 PM

Department: Mental Health Department

Category: Public Safety

Functional Category: Health Related, Mental Health

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7723

1 **Supporting the Development of a Regional Open Access Medically-**
2 **Supervised Withdrawal (Detox) Stabilization Center in Tompkins**
3 **County (Pending Committee action 4-3-18)**

4 WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 21 million people are living with a substance use disorder, which
5 is 1.5 times the number of people who have cancer, and
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7 WHEREAS, in the United States, only 1 in 10 people with a substance use disorder receives treatment, and
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9 WHEREAS, in the United States, the annual cost of substance misuse is estimated to be \$442 billion in
10 healthcare costs, loss of productivity cost, and criminal justice cost, and
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12 WHEREAS, in New York State, 12% of residents over the age of 11 have suffered from a substance use
13 disorder, and
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15 WHEREAS, in New York State, opioid deaths increased by 29% between 2015 and 2016, and
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17 WHEREAS, in Tompkins County, the death rate from drug overdose increased by 50% from 2015 to 2016,
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20 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature is committed to adapting to the needs of changing
21 demographics and responding to emerging healthcare needs to serve the interests of residents, and
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23 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature recognizes the urgency in addressing the substance use
24 disorder crisis in the United States, New York State, and in Tompkins County, and
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26 WHEREAS, Alcohol and Drug Council of Tompkins County has proposed the development of a 24/7 Open
27 Access Medically-Supervised Withdrawal (Detox) Stabilization Center, providing a continuum of care to address the
28 current healthcare crisis and improve health outcomes for residents with substance use disorders, now therefore be it
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30 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That Tompkins County
31 supports initiatives and opportunities to support Alcohol and Drug Council of Tompkins County in the development of
32 an Open Access Medically-Supervised Withdrawal (Detox) Stabilization Center facility to be located in Tompkins
33 County.
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SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20