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Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is my duty and privilege to submit to you the 2018 Annual Report for the Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health. New York State has nearly completed its transition for mental health programs and has initiated a similar plan to convert developmental disabilities services and supports from Medicaid fee-for-service to a managed care service delivery model. Furthermore, every budget cycle requires the state to utilize its fiscal resources to meet the needs of its citizens, each whom have unique priorities and demands. For these reasons, the Committee will continue to engage with the mental health and developmental disability service communities, and will strongly advocate to the members of the Legislature and the Executive, to ensure that programs are funded properly, individuals receive quality care, and services are readily available.

The Committee is dedicated to advancing legislation that supports the needs and rights of individuals with mental illness and developmental disabilities and their families. It continues to strive to ensure the highest quality of care and safety for individuals served in the mental hygiene system.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your leadership and support of the Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health and I look forward to a productive 2019 Legislative Session.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Aileen M. Gunther'.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health has jurisdiction over policy and initiatives affecting programs that deliver services, care, treatment, and advocacy for individuals with various disabilities. The Committee focuses on ensuring that individuals with a mental illness or a developmental disability and those with multiple disabilities are provided appropriate and necessary services to live a fulfilling life and are protected from abuse or harm in institutional and community settings.

The Committee has legislative oversight of programs administered and licensed by the State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). The Committee also has statutory oversight of the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (Justice Center), the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), the Inter-Office Coordinating Council (IOCC), and the Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council (MISCC).

The aforementioned agencies are expected to serve nearly one million individuals in 2019-20, including persons with mental illness, individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families. The Committee also works closely with the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the Assembly Standing Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the Assembly Standing Committee on Correction, and the Task Force on People with Disabilities.

During the 2018 session, the Committee reviewed a number of bills and addressed many issues aimed at providing quality services, enhancing protections, and increasing access to services for individuals with various disabilities.

This report describes the Committee's major legislative activities during the 2018 session.

II. STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past several years, the mental hygiene service system has experienced sweeping changes to funding structures of programs under the auspices of OMH and OPWDD. The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2019 enacted budget provides critical resources for individuals with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, and their families. Within OMH and OPWDD, the following proposals and appropriations were enacted in the 2018-19 budget:

A. Workforce Wage Increase

The Enacted Budget continues the State's 2017-18 commitment to provide a 3.25 percent salary increase to OPWDD and OMH direct care workers, beginning April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019.

B. Children's Mental Health Services

The Enacted Budget provides OMH \$25 million to expand children's mental health services by offering six new State Plan Amendment services that will be available under the Children's 1115 Federal Waiver.

C. School Mental Health Resource and Training Center

The Enacted Budget includes \$1 million for the establishment of the School Mental Health Resource and Training Center that will be tasked with assisting schools in providing mental health education as part of their kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum. The Center will provide resources and instruction to schools as they begin implementing a mental health curriculum and may also provide web-based training and resources, professional development through Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) credits, and information about school-related mental health best practices utilized nationwide.

D. Establishing Care Coordinating Organizations (CCOs)

The Enacted Budget provides OPWDD \$38.9 million in funding to support the establishment of CCOs. These new entities will coordinate all services for a person with a developmental disability, including any health, wellness, and mental health or substance use disorder services they require.

E. Develop Residential and Crisis Capacity

The Enacted Budget authorizes \$50M in new capital expenditures to enable the expansion of crisis respite capacity in the community to avoid unnecessary emergency room visits and inpatient hospitalization.

F. Supported Housing Resources

The enacted budget provides \$10 million in new funding to preserve access to existing supported housing and single residence occupancy (CR-SRO and SP-SRO) programs. The funding will mainly be used to increase rental stipends to the supported housing rate.

G. Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

The Enacted Budget allocates \$30 million to support the development of new community-based services opportunities, and requires at least \$5 million to support services specifically for individuals who are living at home and whose caregivers are increasingly unable to provide care for them.

H. Health Care Transformation Program

The Enacted Budget includes \$525 million to fund another round of the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program. The program will provide fiscal resources to support capital projects, debt retirement, working capital and other non-capital projects that facilitate health care transformation and preserve or expand access to essential health care services. Of the \$525 million, there is \$60 million set aside for an array of service sectors including Article 16 clinics under the jurisdiction of OPWDD, and Article 31 clinics as well as Children's Residential Treatment Facilities, both under the authority of OMH.

I. Behavioral Health Ombudsman Program

The Enacted Budget provided \$1.5 million to establish an independent behavioral health ombudsman program. The program will educate individuals, families, and health care providers on their legal rights to coverage, help them to access treatment and services and will investigate and resolve complaints regarding denial of health insurance coverage.

III. SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

1. Improve Public Safety for People with Developmental Disabilities

*A.249-C (Santabarbara) / S.2565-C (Helming)
Chapter 209*

This law provides individuals and parents of children with a developmental disability the ability to receive an optional identification card for use during interactions with first responders.

2. Cost Study for Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Individuals with Autism

*A.261 (Abinanti) / S.3895 (Parker)
Chapter 210*

This law directs the commissioner of OPWDD, the commissioner of the State Education Department (SED), the commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), the commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and the commissioner of OMH to study and report the costs to the state for the early diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and the long-term treatment for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

3. Developmental Disability Workforce Training

*A.271 (Gunther) / S.1433 (Ritchie)
Passed the Assembly*

This bill would require employees and volunteers providing services to persons with developmental disabilities to complete certain training.

4. Legal Services for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness

*A.1362 (Cusick) / S.2441 (Parker)
Passed the Assembly*

This bill would authorize Mental Hygiene Legal Services to provide legal assistance to individuals who are transferred from a mental hygiene facility and admitted directly into a residential health care facility and who are receiving treatment related to a serious mental illness diagnosis.

5. Right to Counsel for Consumers Interviewed by the Justice Center

*A.3135 (Gunther) / S.8768 (Ortt)
Passed the Assembly*

This bill would provide a right to counsel, either through mental hygiene legal service, or private financing, for individuals who are recipients of OMH or OPWDD services, and are interviewed as part of a Justice Center investigation. It also requires notice to the parent, person in parental relation or legal guardian, if any, of the person to be interviewed.

6. Suicide Prevention Materials for Institutions of Higher Learning

A.3210-A (Ortiz) / S.5860-A (Ritchie)

Chapter 462

This bill would require the commissioner of OMH to consult with the commissioner of SED on the distribution of educational materials, in electronic or other format, to be used by educators on suicide prevention measures, and signs of depression from students attending any New York State university, community college, or city university.

7. Public Education Initiative for Veterans

A.3557 (Ortiz) / S.1705 (Parker)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would create a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinformation about mental illness and chemical dependence among military service members.

8. Eligibility Assessment for the Community Guardianship Programs

A.6614 (Titone) / S.5485 (Savino)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would expand the list of health professionals authorized to determine an individual's eligibility for the Community Guardianship Program.

9. Replacing Outdated Terminology in Statute

A.7490-A (Gunther) / S.5991-A (Bonacic)

Passed the Assembly

This bill makes technical amendments that would ensure that references to the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities are updated to reflect the Office's current name.

10. Reporting Procedures to the Justice Center

A.7700-B (Barrett) / S.6773-A (Carlucci)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would require a mandated reporter with direct knowledge of a reportable incident to report such incident unless they know the report has already been made by another mandated reporter.

11. Autism Outreach

A.7976 (De La Rosa)/S.5534-A (Hamilton)

Chapter 227

This law directs the state's Autism Spectrum Advisory Board to identify strategies and methods of improving outreach and coordination of services associated with autism spectrum disorders for minority group members.

12. Access to Records of a Reportable Incident

A.8250 (Gunther)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would authorize unsubstantiated reports relating to reportable incidents involving vulnerable persons to be released to officers and employees of the state comptroller for the purposes of performing an audit of the Justice Center.

13. Tele-Psychiatry and Geriatric Social Isolation

A.8888-A (Gunther) / S.7173-A (Serino)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would direct the Commissioner of OMH, in consultation with the State Office for the Aging (SOFA) and DOH, to study the issue of geriatric social isolation, including an assessment of at-risk populations, the mental health impacts, life stages that may put a person at higher risk and community supports that may help address these concerns. The bill would also authorize the Geriatric Service Demonstration Program to award grants programs aiming to address geriatric isolation by utilizing tele-psychiatry.

14. Suicide Prevention

A.8961 (De La Rosa) / S.7322 (Alcantara)

Chapter 381

This law requires the commissioner of OMH to assure the development of plans, programs, and services for the research and prevention of suicide. Such plans, programs, and services must be developed in cooperation with other state agencies, local governments, community organizations, or other organizations; and consider the unique needs of differing demographic groups and the impact of gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as cultural and language needs.

15. OPWDD Care Demonstration Program

A.8990 (Gunther) / S.7291 (Ortt)

Chapter 377

This law requires the commissioner of OPWDD to utilize the state workforce for the provision of community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities, until March 31, 2020. Such services may include but are not limited to: community habilitation, in-home respite, pathways to employment, supported employment, and community prevocational services.

16. Impact Study on Tick-Borne Diseases

A.9019-A (Gunther) / S.7171-A (Serino)

Chapter 364

This law provides for an infectious disease and blood-borne pathogen impact study to be conducted by the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Office of Mental Health.

17. Discharge Policies and Procedures

A.10644 (Gunther) / S.8769 (Ortt)

Chapter 391

This bill would require the Office of Mental Health to develop educational materials on effective discharge planning of individuals with a mental health disorder who are discharged from a hospital and provide such materials to general hospitals across the state.

18. Transportation of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

A.10708 (Gunther) / S.8592 (Ortt)

Chapter 251

This law provides that within staffing limitations and upon request, an individual who is being transported to or from a facility may be accompanied by same gender staff.

19. Confidentiality of Clinical Records

A.10729 (Fernandez) / S.5299 (Ortt)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would authorize the Medical Review Board of the State Commission of Correction, in carrying out its statutory functions, powers and duties, to obtain the clinical records of mental health patients who are inmates of a correctional facility.

20. Expanding the Scope of the Geriatric Service Demonstration Program

A.10938 (Gunther) / S.8632 (Ortt)

Chapter 305

This law authorizes the geriatric service demonstration program to promote mental health and home care collaboration within the program.

IV. HEARINGS & ROUNDTABLES

A. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

New York State and the Office of Mental Health (OMH) are nearly complete with the transition of the mental health service system from Medicaid fee-for-service to a managed care payment model. Similarly, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has initiated the same process for developmental disability programs. Moving forward, it is imperative that the state continues to examine each transition phase and provide sufficient resources to ensure services and supports are available for every individual in need of care.

The New York SFY 2018-2019 enacted budget includes funding to maintain, expand, or develop services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities or mental health issues. One of these initiatives includes providing OMH \$25 million for the expansion of children's mental health services. Another initiative includes an allocation to OPWDD of \$38.9 million to support the establishment of Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO). These new entities will aim to coordinate all services for a person with a developmental disability, including any health, wellness, and mental health services they require.

On December 6, the Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health convened a hearing on access to mental health and developmental disability services and supports. The purpose of the hearing was to provide an opportunity for the committee to determine whether there is sufficient access to mental health and developmental disability services and supports as well as identify the need for additional resources or actions necessary to ensure the availability of such services and supports, in the context of funding provided in the SFY 2018-19 budget.

The committee received testimony from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), service providers, advocacy organizations, parents, and other stakeholders from the mental health and developmental disability community.

Nearly every witness stated that there is a lack of housing for individuals with developmental disabilities and those diagnosed with a mental health disorder. More specifically, mental health organizations testified that supported housing funding is grossly inadequate and without an increase in fiscal resources, programs will be less likely to provide a comprehensive service plan to its consumers. Advocates and service providers also expressed great concern about the continued struggle for programs to recruit and retain a quality workforce and unless the state commits funding to support additional wage increases, the workforce could be greatly diminished and result in less access to care for some of the state's most vulnerable populations. Lastly, developmental disability stakeholders as well as family members of service recipients testified that the

OPWDD transition of services into a managed care payment model is happening at an alarmingly fast pace and should be delayed.

The committee understands the state must utilize its fiscal resources to meet the needs of all of its citizens; however, the committee looks forward to working with all the mental health and developmental disability stakeholders, to ensure that the issues raised at this public hearing are a top priority for funding.

B. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, multiple studies have shown that there is an overrepresentation of youth with mental health disorders within the juvenile justice system. Approximately 70 percent of such youth have a mental health disorder, compared to 20 percent of youth in the general population. However, despite this overrepresentation, according to the Northwestern Juvenile Project, only 15 percent of youth nationwide who are diagnosed with a mental health disorder are provided with treatment while in detention or placement.

With the recent implementation of Raise the Age, youth that would have potentially entered the adult criminal justice system, may now be directed to the juvenile justice system, where there are more robust and age appropriate services available. In light of these additional youth, it is even more important to understand the scope of mental health services currently available, as well as additional services that may be necessary to adequately care for youth in the juvenile justice system.

On December 11, the Assembly Standing Committee on Children and Families in conjunction with the Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health convened a public hearing to examine funding and other resources the State utilizes to treat youth with mental health disorders in the juvenile justice system and other supports and services that could be used to address unmet mental health needs of such youth in the future.

Stakeholders shared information on the type and level of mental health and after-care services available to youth in the juvenile justice system. Also discussed at the hearing was information relating to some of the barriers that exist when treating such youth who suffer from a mental health disorder and how there is room to improve such treatments. Lastly, witnesses mentioned that family involvement in the treatment of at-risk youth is crucial when there's potential to deter youth from entering the juvenile justice system and while in such system.

The committees will continue to work with service providers, advocates, and all other stakeholders to ensure that safe and effective mental health supports and services are provided to youth and adolescents who are placed in the juvenile justice system.

APPENDIX A

2018

SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON

Mental Health

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 5

ASSEMBLY SENATE TOTAL
BILLS BILLS BILLS

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLE TO:

Codes	8	0	8
Judiciary	0	0	0
Ways and Means	13	0	13
Rules	1	0	1
Floor	2	0	2
TOTAL	24	0	24

COMMITTEE ACTION

Held For Consideration	5	0	5
Defeated	0	0	0
Enacting Clause Stricken	4	0	4
REMAINING IN COMMITTEE	59	12	71

BILLS REFERENCE CHANGED TO: Alcohol & Drug Abuse

TOTAL	1	0	1
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APPENDIX B

**FINAL ACTION ON BILLS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN 2018**

ASSEMBLY BILL # SPONSOR	SENATE BILL # SPONSOR	FINAL ACTION	Description
A.249-C Santabarbara	S.2565-C Helming	Chapter 209	This law requires the commissioner of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to develop an identification card for individuals with developmental disabilities that may be presented to first responders, as necessary.
A.261 Abinanti	S.3895 Parker	Chapter 210	This law directs the commissioner of OPWDD, the commissioner of the State Education Department (SED), the commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), the commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and the commissioner of the Office of Mental Health (OMH) to study and report the costs to the state for the early diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and the long-term treatment for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.
A.271 Gunther	S.1433 Ritchie	Passed the Assembly	This bill would require the commissioner of OPWDD to develop an educational curriculum related to safety for all providers operated or licensed by the agency.
A.745 Gunther	S.2941 Hamilton	Referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	This bill would require video cameras to be placed on the entrances/exits of all facilities operated by OPWDD.
A.1362 Cusick	S.2441 Parker	Passed the Assembly	This bill would authorize Mental Hygiene Legal Services to provide legal services to individuals who are transferred from a mental hygiene facility and admitted directly into a residential health care facility and are receiving treatment related to a serious mental illness diagnosis.
A.2410-B Ortiz	S.685-B Ortt	Reported to the Assembly Committee on Codes	This bill would authorize the release of certain records pertaining to deceased residents of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities operated or certified facilities to family members.
A.2818 Peoples- Stokes	S.3286 Parker	Referred to the Assembly Committee on	This bill would enact the "minority mental health act" and establish the division of minority mental health within OMH.

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		Ways and Means	
A.2846 Abinanti	S.1400 Avella	Passed the Assembly	This bill would require notice to be posted in programs subject to regulation by OPWDD, informing employees to call 911 during an emergency
A.3134 Gunther	S.2341 Alcantara	Ordered to the 3 rd reading	This bill would prohibit OMH from billing a person for his/her care and treatment when the source of the funds for making such a payment comes from the proceeds of a suit against the state for negligent or improper treatment.
A.3135 Gunther	S.8768 Ortt	Passed the Assembly	This bill would provide a right to counsel, either through Mental Hygiene Legal Service, or private funding, for individuals who are recipients of OMH or OPWDD services, and are interviewed as part of a Justice Center investigation. The bill also would require notification to the parent, or legal guardian, of such interview.
A.3210-A Ortiz	S.5860-A Ritchie	Chapter 462	This bill would require the commissioner of OMH to consult with the commissioner of DOE on the distribution of educational materials, in electronic or other format, to be used by educators on suicide prevention measures, and signs of depression from students attending any New York State university, community college, or city university.
A.3254 Ortiz	S.1912 Ritchie	Referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	This bill would place a 30-day limit on the fiscal responsibility of county governments for mental health services provided to certain persons being held pursuant to the order of a criminal court.
A.3557 Ortiz	S.1705 Parker	Passed the Assembly	This bill would create a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinformation about mental illness and chemical dependence among military service members.
A.3751-A Magnarelli	S.725-A Ortt	Referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	This bill would require that Medicaid-eligible individuals up to age 21 who have been referred to the pre-admission certification committee (PACC) process by a physician, have access to mental health services for up to 30 days pending an expedited PACC review.
A.5482 Abinanti	S.1157 Ortt	Reported to the Assembly Committee on	This bill would create a bill of rights for family and guardians of people with developmental disabilities that reside in residences certified or approved by

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		Codes	OPWDD.
A.6614 Titone	S.5485 Savino	Passed the Assembly	This bill would expand the list of health professionals authorized to determine an individual's eligibility for the Community Guardianship Program.
A.7490-A Gunther	S.5991-A Bonacic	Passed the Assembly	This bill would make technical amendments to statutory language to replace outdated terminology with the term "developmental disabilities."
A.7700-B Barrett	S.6773-A Carlucci	Passed the Assembly	This bill would discharge a mandated reporter from the statutory reporting obligation in circumstances where he or she knows that someone else has already reported the same incident to the Vulnerable Persons' Central Register and they have been named as a witness in the reported incident. The bill would also prevent a mandated reporter from facing any penalties or other consequences for failure to report an alleged incident, as long as the provisions described above can be applied.
A.7803 D'Urso	S.5298 Ortt	Referred to the Assembly Committee on Codes	This bill would allow the Justice Center and DOH to receive out-of-state subsequent arrest notifications from the FBI, for out-of-state arrests of individuals who are subject to a criminal background check and finger printing, due to their provision of services to vulnerable persons in New York.
A.7804 Harris	No Same As	Enacting Clause Stricken	This bill would require certain entities to check the Justice Center's register of substantiated category one cases of abuse or neglect and prohibits certain providers of services from hiring employees who are on the register of substantiated category one cases of abuse or neglect.
A.7868 Gunther	S.1916 Ritchie	Reported to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	This bill would require OPWDD to reimburse a service furnished by a local service provider while the commissioner approves the service. If a service is not approved and reimbursement has already occurred, such reimbursement shall be returned OPWDD within sixty days of the notice of denial.
A.7976 De La Rosa	S.5534-A Hamilton	Chapter 227	This bill would direct the Autism Advisory Board to identify strategies and methods of improving outreach and coordination of services associated with autism spectrum disorders for minority group members.
A.8126 Sepulveda	No Same As	Passed the Assembly	This bill would require OMH, in consultation with DOH, to periodically review and recommend

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			changes to suicide prevention programs, including cultural and linguistic competency and best practices for screening and interventions aimed at addressing suicide risk factors for minority groups.
A.8250 Gunther	No Same As	Passed the Assembly	This bill would authorize unsubstantiated reports relating to reportable incidents involving vulnerable persons to be released to officers and employees of the state comptroller for the purposes of performing an audit of the Justice Center.
A.8252 McDonald	No Same As	Referred to the Assembly Committee on Codes	This bill would clarify the statutory definitions of "neglect" and "significant incident" for the purpose of reportable incidents that mandated reporters are required to report to the Vulnerable Persons' Central Register (VPCR).
A.8888-A Gunther	S.7173-A Serino	Passed the Assembly	This bill would direct the Commissioner of OMH, in consultation with the State Office for the Aging (SOFA) and DOH, to study the issue of geriatric social isolation. The bill would also authorize the Geriatric Service Demonstration Program to award grants programs aiming to address geriatric isolation by utilizing tele-psychiatry.
A.8961 De La Rosa	S.7322 Alcantara	Chapter 381	This law requires the commissioner of OMH to assure that the development of plans, programs, and services in the area of research and prevention of suicide, consider the unique needs of differing demographic groups and the impact of gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as cultural and language needs.
A.8990 Gunther	S.7291 Ortt	Chapter 377	This law requires the commissioner of OPWDD to utilize the state workforce for the provision of community based services for individuals with developmental disabilities, until March 31, 2020. Such services may include but are not limited to: community habilitation, in-home respite, pathways to employment, supported employment, and community prevocational services.
A.9019-A Gunther	S.7171-A Serino	Chapter 364	This law provides for an infectious disease and blood-borne pathogen impact study to be conducted by the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Office of Mental Health.
A.9563-A Gunther	S.7207	Veto 318	This bill would require that the notice of closure for significant reductions at state operated hospitals and state operated research institutes be at least twelve months and at most twenty-four months prior to

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			commencing such service reduction.
A.10162 Gunther	S.690-A Ortt	Referred to the Assembly Committee on Codes	This bill would authorize the release of certain records of deceased residents of facilities certified or operated by OMH.
A.10406-B Barrett	S.7920-B Valesky	Reported to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	This bill would create the rural suicide prevention council.
A.10442 Gunther	S.8200 Marcellino	Veto 323	This bill would prohibit OPWDD from changing the auspice of any individualized residential alternative that is operated by the state.
A.10644 Gunther	S.8769 Ortt	Chapter 391	This law requires the Office of Mental Health to develop educational materials on effective discharge planning of individuals with a mental health disorder who are discharged from a hospital and provide such materials to general hospitals across the state.
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A.10712 Gunther	S.8184-A Ortt	Reported to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	This bill would provide funding to increase salaries and related fringe benefits to direct care workers, direct support professionals and clinical workers including Medicaid Service Coordination.
A.10729 Fernandez	S.5299 Ortt	Passed the Assembly	This bill would authorize the Medical Review Board of the State Commission of Correction in carrying out its statutory functions, powers and duties, to obtain the clinical records of mental health patients who are inmates of a correctional facility.
A.10732 Gunther	No Same As	Reported to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	This bill would establish a curriculum and task force to provide housing navigation services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
A.10785-A Gunther	No Same As	Reported to the Assembly Committee on Codes	This bill would authorize the OPWDD to implement a professional credential pilot program for direct support professionals in the Intellectual/Developmental Disability field.
A.10938	S.8632	Chapter 305	This law authorizes the geriatric service

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Gunther	Ortt		demonstration program to promote mental health and home care collaboration within the program.
A.10951 Lentol	S.8633 Ortt	Veto 374	This bill would require that 85% of proceeds from the sale of any property that was previously used, operated or maintained by OPWDD to be used for state-operated residential services or state-operated community-based services provided by such office.
A.11032 Espinal	S.5300-B Ortt	Reported to the Assembly Committee on Codes	This bill would require certain entities to check the Justice Center's registry of substantiated category one cases of abuse or neglect and prohibits certain providers of services from hiring employees who are on the register of substantiated category one cases of abuse or neglect.

APPENDIX C

LAWS ENACTED IN 2018

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A.249-C Santabarbara	S.2565-C Helming	Chapter 209	This law requires the commissioner of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to develop an identification card for individuals with developmental disabilities that may be presented to first responders, as necessary.
A.261 Abinanti	S.3895 Parker	Chapter 210	This law directs the commissioner of OPWDD, the commissioner of the State Education Department (SED), the commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), the commissioner of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and the commissioner of the Office of Mental Health (OMH) to study and report the costs to the state for the early diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and the long-term treatment for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.
A.3210-A Ortiz	S.5860 Ritchie	Chapter 462	This bill would require the commissioner of OMH to consult with the commissioner of DOE on the distribution of educational materials, in electronic or other format, to be used by educators on suicide prevention measures, and signs of depression from students attending any New York State university, community college, or city university.
A.7976 De La Rosa	S.5534-A Hamilton	Chapter 227	This bill would direct the Autism Advisory Board to identify strategies and methods of improving outreach and coordination of services associated with autism spectrum disorders for minority group members.
A.8961 De La Rosa	S.7322 Alcantara	Chapter 381	This law requires the commissioner of OMH to assure that the development of plans, programs, and services in the area of research and prevention of suicide, consider the unique needs of differing demographic groups and the impact of gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as cultural and language needs.
A.8990 Gunther	S.7291 Ortt	Chapter 377	This law requires the commissioner of OPWDD to utilize the state workforce for the provision of community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities, until March 31, 2020. Such services may include but are not limited to: community habilitation, in-home respite, pathways to employment, supported employment, and community prevocational services.

ASSEMBLY BILL # SPONSOR	SENATE BILL # SPONSOR	FINAL ACTION	DESCRIPTION
A.9019-A Gunther	S.7171-A Serino	Chapter 364	This law provides for an infectious disease and blood-borne pathogen impact study to be conducted by the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Office of Mental Health.
A.10644 Gunther	S.8769 Ortt	Chapter 391	This law requires the Office of Mental Health to develop educational materials on effective discharge planning of individuals with a mental health disorder who are discharged from a hospital and provide such materials to general hospitals across the state.
A.10708 Gunther	S.8592 Ortt	Chapter 251	This law provides that within staffing limitations and upon request, an individual who is being transported to or from a facility may be accompanied by same gender staff.
A.10938 Gunther	S.8632 Ortt	Chapter 305	This law authorizes the geriatric service demonstration program to promote mental health and home care collaboration within the program.

**APPENDIX D
LEGISLATION VETOED IN 2018**

ASSEMBLY BILL # SPONSOR	SENATE BILL # SPONSOR	FINAL ACTION	DESCRIPTION
A.9563-A Gunther	S.7207-A	Veto 318	This bill would require that the notice of closure for significant reductions at state operated hospitals and state operated research institutes be at least twelve months and at most twenty-four months prior to commencing such service reduction.
A.10442 Gunther	S.8200 Marcellino	Veto 323	This bill would prohibit OPWDD from changing the auspice of any individualized residential alternative that is operated by the state.
A.10951 Lentol	S.8633 Ortt	Veto 374	This bill would require that 85% of proceeds from the sale of any property that was previously used, operated or maintained by OPWDD to be used for state-operated residential services or state-operated community-based services provided by such office.