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Re: Mandated Shared Services Panel

To: Senator Catherine Young, Assemblyman Joseph Giglio, Allegany County Legislators, Allegany County Town Supervisors and Village Mayors, Mark LaVigne, and Kier Dirlam:

Thank you for your willingness to participate on the Mandatory Shared Services Panel as the designated representative of your community. As you are aware, I'm required to convene three planning meetings. They will be held at the Belmont BOCES Center, located at 5536 County Road 48, in Belmont, NY. Meetings will be held in the Community Room and light refreshments will be provided. Future meeting details are below to assist in your planning and attendance.

- Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Belmont BOCES Complex
- Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Belmont BOCES Complex
- Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Belmont BOCES Complex

We strongly recommend that panel members attend as many of these meetings as possible. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the meetings by email adamsjm@alleganyco.com or by phone 585-268-9217 by Friday June 2, 2017.

Attached/enclosed are some additional materials that I'm asking you to complete and return to this office prior to our meeting on June 7, 2017. This information will serve as a baseline for our discussions moving forward.

As many of you know, this is an opportunity for us to seek collaborative service options that could result in a property tax reduction for our citizenry. This idea is not new and certainly has been a well-practiced tradition throughout New York. A number of examples are evident, we are simply being asked to determine if additional opportunities exist. This exercise, while advertised as mandatory, permits any defined panel member the opportunity to withdraw from participation without penalty at any point in time during the process.

We have been asked to develop and implement a plan of action by October 15, 2017. This is an ambitious timeline and presents a number of challenges for the collective group. Our options are varied and include town/village shared services, county/town/village services, and even county/county options. The challenge is to find meaningful opportunities to create savings.

Given the relatively short timeframe for the project's completion, some immediate decisions will need to be made. One of the first decisions will be, how should we proceed? We could develop a plan that would meet the minimal requirements, submit it to the state, and proceed accordingly. Or, we can choose to develop a



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comprehensive plan over the next year to for a significant cost savings impact in 2019. Please bear in mind that any cost savings options that we can achieve are eligible for a one-time funding match from the Governor's Office. However, we are only eligible for this one-time funding match option if it is a newly implemented initiative.

So, do we collectively have existing cost savings options ready for implementation or will we require more time to develop a plan which identifies future opportunities for significant savings? In my opinion, that is our first question to be answered.

I look forward to meeting with you on June 7, 2017 and hearing your ideas as we move forward. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important process.

For up to date information concerning this matter, DOS has created a web page where you can find additional information on the CWSSI http://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/countywide_services.html and you may submit questions via email to DOS countywidesharedservices@dos.ny.gov.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have moving forward.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Boyde".

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