

April 1, 2025

House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services

RE: House Bill 2924

Chair Hartman, Vice-Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Scharf, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 2924, which seeks to expand the membership of the System of Care Advisory Council by increasing the total number of family and youth members to four each.

Recognizing the expressed needs of youth and families and understanding their experiences at the service level are fundamental to identifying strengths which can be leveraged and gaps which must be addressed to create systems that work for those they exist to serve. Doubling the number of seats for service users will ensue a diversity of voice and encourage progress toward inclusion and belonging for all system stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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