

Chris O'Brien

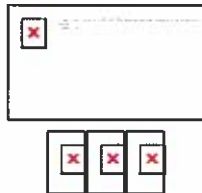
From: Brianna Allan <ballan@eliotchs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H8417 - Support

You don't often get email from ballan@eliotchs.org. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee,
I am writing in strong support of H8417, which would provide temporary funding to help keep Hillsgrove House open during its current Medicaid funding crisis. Hillsgrove House is the only Clubhouse in Rhode Island and provides essential services, community, and support for people living with mental health conditions. Clubhouses are a proven model that help people build relationships, return to work and school, reduce isolation, and remain connected to their communities.
I am especially concerned that a technical Medicaid issue could put Rhode Island's only Clubhouse at risk of closure. The people who rely on Hillsgrove House should not lose access to this critical resource while the funding issue is being resolved.
Hillsgrove House is led by Mark Maragnano, a respected longtime Clubhouse leader who previously served as Director of Potter Place in Waltham, Massachusetts. His leadership and the Hillsgrove House community deserve support during this urgent time.
I respectfully urge the Committee to support H8417 and provide the temporary funding needed to keep Hillsgrove House open.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brianna Allan
Vocational Coordinator, Elm Brook Place
Burlington, MA

--
Brianna Allan
She/Her
Vocational Specialist
Elmbrook Place
ballan@eliotchs.org
M: (781) 676-4289



CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This communication and any attachments may contain confidential and privileged information for the use of the designated recipients named above. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that you have received this communication in error and that any review, disclosure, dissemination, distribution or copying of it or its contents is

prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please reply to the sender immediately and destroy all copies of this communication and any attachments. For further information regarding Eliot Community Human Services privacy policy, please visit our Internet web site at <http://www.eliotchs.org>