



Clubhouse International

Creating Community: Changing the World of Mental Health

May 4, 2026

To: Chairman Abney and Members of House Finance Committee

Subject: Support of H8417

We are writing in strong support of making an appropriation of \$500,000 to Thrive Behavioral Health, Inc. to support the Hillsgrove Clubhouse Program.

As the coordinating center for over 380 Clubhouse program located in 31 countries, Clubhouse International is very familiar with Hillsgrove Clubhouse which has been an accredited Clubhouse in our network for over 20 years.

Clubhouses are psychosocial rehabilitation programs serving adults who have experienced a mental illness. The Clubhouse Model is an evidenced-based practice in which our programs adhere to the rigorous International Standards for Clubhouse Programs.

Hillsgrove Clubhouse has been instrumental in providing an array of recovery opportunities for its membership in reintegrating back into society through employment housing, education and social engagement. Hillsgrove Clubhouse has also been a cost-effective service in Rhode Island in helping to prevent unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations and emergency room visits through the services it provides. These include provision of evening/weekend/holiday programming which serves as a wrap-around service for a population of citizens with mental illness which is often accompanied by social isolation.

Hillsgrove Clubhouse serves more than 165 individuals statewide and is an essential component of the state's behavioral continuum of care.

We enthusiastically endorse Hillsgrove Clubhouse and respectfully request support for H8417 so that this unique rehabilitation program can continue its operations.

Should you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact us at jdcorcoran@clubhouse-intl.org or jyatsko@clubhouse-intl.org or by calling 212-582-0343.

Respectfully,

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