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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
State of Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H7142

Chair Donovan and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of H7630, which would create the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Accountability and Oversight Act to ensure transparency, fiscal responsibility, and service quality by CCBHCs.

FSRI is a behavioral health and social service organization with the mission “to advance hope and opportunity in our communities.” We have been serving Rhode Island children, families and communities for over a century, including programming to support healthy child development, to provide essential behavioral health services, and to coordinate crisis intervention programs that help children and families thrive. FSRI is a state CCBHC and a certified provider of children’s mobile response and stabilization services (MRSS).

We fully support CCBHC transparency and agree that the legislature should receive the information outlined in the bill. We would like to note, however, that CCBHCs already provide much of this data to EOHHS through extensive required reporting. To avoid duplicative reporting for CCBHCs, who are delivering direct services in our communities, we recommend that H7142 be revised to require EOHHS and its partner agencies, BHDDH and DCYF, to submit this information to the legislature on a quarterly basis.

As a provider committed to delivering the highest quality care, we believe such transparency is essential to maintaining public trust, ensuring strong fiscal stewardship, and supporting consistent, effective service delivery. We support these measures and recognize that clear, open accountability strengthens the entire behavioral health system and enhances outcomes for the Rhode Islanders we serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of H7142 with the recommendations above, and please contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

Margaret Holland McDuff, CEO