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TO Human Services Reform Finance and Policy Committee
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Written Testimony: SF 4151-Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) Policy Changes.

Chair Abeler and Committee Members:

Wilder has served children and families with mental health care for nearly 100 years, constantly evolving our services to meet their new and changing needs. Recently, Wilder has been able to provide critical and holistic services to our community as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. The CCBHC model has allowed us to serve as a one stop shop for many in our community, offering integrated community mental and chemical health services, with care coordination and streamlined supports. This has resulted in more effective services being offered in the following areas:

- Adult Mental Health & Recovery Services
- Clinic-Based Mental Health Therapy
- School-Based Mental Health Programs
- Children's & Family Mental Health Services
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

The CCBHC model is effective, both in positive health results for our clients but also fiscally as less time is spent in the bureaucratic minutia of navigating an otherwise fragmented healthcare system.

As you may know, there is no single statutory or regulatory authority that recognizes all the CCBHC services and requirements under one integrated clinic entity. These current standards have conflicting requirements which translates to increased costs and time for our providers who are already juggling so much with the ongoing pandemic and workforce crisis. In other words, much of the potential of the CCBHC model is being minimized by ineffective oversight.

This bill seeks to take steps which would streamline the models requirements as CCBHC grows and evolves in Minnesota. I am urging you to please support the passage of SF 4151 to continue increasing access to critical services in a sustainable way!

Thank you,



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