



April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Chair Wicklund and Chair Hoffman,

On behalf of Nexus Family Healing, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) working group, and to urge your leadership in advancing this critical initiative.

As an organization committed to transforming the lives of youth and families impacted by trauma and mental health challenges, we recognize the urgent need for a comprehensive evaluation of the current State Plan Amendment, rate methodology, and system capacity surrounding PRTF services in Minnesota. The youth we serve often require intensive, structured therapeutic environments to achieve meaningful progress—yet access to such care remains limited and inconsistently supported.

We believe the creation of this working group presents an essential opportunity to:

- Evaluate whether current state policy and reimbursement structures adequately support high-quality, trauma-informed psychiatric residential care;
- Identify opportunities to expand and sustain access for Minnesota's most vulnerable youth;
- Address disparities in service availability across geographic and demographic lines;
- Engage providers, advocates, and families in meaningful dialogue to shape future policy.

Our experience in delivering residential mental health services has shown us that timely, appropriate care can change the trajectory of a young person's life. Yet, without a clear and sustainable plan, too many children are left waiting, or are forced into out-of-state placements, separating them from their families and communities.

We respectfully encourage your continued support for this working group's formation and its charge to examine the structural components necessary to strengthen the PRTF continuum of care in Minnesota. Together, we can build a system that ensures every child in need has access to healing, hope, and a pathway forward.

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to improving mental health outcomes for Minnesota's children and families.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Vimont".

Margaret Vimont  
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