



Chair Schultz and Members of the Committee –

Gratitude. My heart is filled with gratitude in learning that the House has included HF 3737 – Behavioral Health Homes rate structure – in the Human Services Omnibus Bill.

As the Executive Director of Vail Place, a Twin Cities nonprofit providing community-based recovery services for adults with serious mental illnesses – including Behavioral Health Home (BHH) Services – I see first-hand the need in our community. Many of the individuals we engage with are homeless/at risk of homelessness, have complicating substance use disorders, co-morbid health conditions and require support with social determinants of health.

As one of the original implementers of Behavior Health Home services, we know the Model works! Your support of a sustainable rate could result in increased access to and improved coordination among medical, dental, chemical and behavioral health care providers along with the opportunity to address the complex social factors that contribute to poorer health outcomes.

Thank you investing in the health of our most vulnerable community members and strengthening access to this very important piece of our mental health services continuum.

With Gratitude!

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*"I feel very cared for at Vail Place"*  
– Carla, Vail Place Clubhouse Member

*"The sense of community, that I'm not alone in this. What I like most is it helps me to talk to other people and it's validating that we're all in this together."*  
– Vail Place Clubhouse Member

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