



April 1, 2024

Dear Chair Noor and Members of the House Human Services Finance Committee,

The Minnesota Alliance of Recovery Community Organizations (MARCO) **supports HF3397**, a bill that adds clarity to peer recovery support services vendor eligibility requirements for Recovery Community Organizations and establishes service requirements for the delivery of peer recovery support services.

Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) provide non-clinical peer support services, public education, and advocacy to strengthen recovery from substance use disorders in our communities. The service requirements in HF3397 are best practices for peer recovery support services that most RCOs enrolled as vendors are currently practicing. Adding these requirements to statute removes confusion regarding the intent, purpose and scope of peer recovery support services and reduces the risk of service misrepresentation or abuse. Both the recovery peer and the participant benefit when service requirements are clearly defined.

Building Minnesota's recovery ecosystem will always be a work in progress, but the modifications in this bill bring us closer to a shared understanding of RCOs and Peer Recovery Support and to having robust policies in place that promote their long-term effectiveness.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Jones
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR