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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Lori Houghton, House Health Care Committee

FROM: Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

DATE: 2/5/24

RE: Follow up questions 2/2/24

1. *Rep. Berbeco: Are any of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics' (CCBHCs) planning grant awardees using CCBHC grant money to maintain 988 as part of crisis response requirements, to build capacity?*

No. 988 and new crisis response programs, such as Mobile Crisis, have separate start-up funds to build capacity.

2. *Rep. Berbeco: On [S.3](#), was \$250k for Legal Aid supposed to be split? Was it going to be moved from DMH's budget somewhere else?*

No. The line item was \$275K, of which \$250K is for staff for legal representation and \$25K is for independent evaluations.

3. *Rep. Peterson: What is the total budget increase year-over-year percentage?*

The percentage increase over last year's budget is 1.1% gross. The total General Fund Equivalent increase is 1.2%