

House Appropriations Committee Public Hearing January 6, 2022

I want to thank this committee for supporting the \$5 million of ARPA funds in the FY 22 budget for Adult Day Programs.

When we requested the \$5 million, we believed that it would carry us through the whole year, as we were optimistic that our census would continually increase throughout the year due to vaccinations and returning staff. As it turned out, largely due to the pandemic and to our inability to attract and retain staff due to the low wages/low Medicaid reimbursement rates, our census numbers are not where we had hoped they would be at this time.

Of the \$5 million appropriated to the Adult Day programs, \$4,416,207 has been disbursed to our programs, leaving \$583,793 remaining. Taking into account some carryforward from the first half of the fiscal year, we are requesting an additional \$1,001,913 to get us through to the end of June.

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