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To: Committee on Children
From: Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon Ph.D., Commissioner
Date: March 6, 2018
Re: Written Testimony regarding HB 5332

Please accept this written testimony from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) on Raised House Bill 5332 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Section 8 of this bill includes a recommendation that was developed following the passage of Special Act No. 17-21 which required a workgroup consisting of representatives from the Department of Developmental Services, DMHAS, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Public Health and nonprofit providers to conduct a review of state agency certification and licensure processes of certain nonprofit community providers and to identify potential efficiencies. A week-long cross-agency Lean event took place in November 2017, which resulted in a number of legislative proposals aimed at lessening the administrative impact on nonprofits and reducing time away from the individuals who they support. DMHAS would like to publicly support the workgroup recommendations including the one contained in this bill.

Thank you for considering this testimony during your deliberations related to HB 5332.