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To: House Health Policy Standing Committee Members

From: Sherri Boyd, The Arc Michigan

Re: House Bills 4925-4929

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. The Arc Michigan supports much of these bills in concept. The Arc Michigan believes that the current system needs reform and submit the following comments:

- 1) The Arc Michigan supports the concept of one Administrative Service Organization. However, we believe it should be a public or a quasi public entity so that full transparency of the use of public tax dollars is possible.
- 2) The Arc Michigan supports the public Community Mental Health system to be the primary provider of services. They have a long history of providing these services and know their community and its needs.
- 3) The Arc Michigan believes that the current system lacks the ability to enforce contracts. The state does not have the capacity to do this due to lack of resources and staff. Any system reform has to make sure there is contract enforcement and consequences when contracts are not honored.
- 4) The Arc Michigan also wonders about the use of the Fee for Service model. It seems some of this language was removed, but not in its' entirety. We would recommend using payment systems like the Prospective Payment System utilized in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model.
- 5) The Arc Michigan is pleased with the addition of the mild to moderate benefit to be available to clients in the CMH system if they so choose.
- 6) Finally, it is imperative that in any system reform that emphasis be put on and uniformity obtained in person-centered planning, family-driven and youth-guided planning, and self-determination in the delivery of services.

Again thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on these very important bills that have the potential to lead to a much improved public support system to people with disabilities living in Michigan.

