2025 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HCR 3029

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

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2/19/2025

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10:42 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Davis, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rohr
Members Absent: Representatives Rios

Discussion Topics:

- Necessity of the study

10:43 a.m. Representative Dobervich, District 11, introduced the Resolution and submitted testimony, #38067.

10:45 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

10:45 a.m. Representative Holle moved a Do Pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

10:46 a.m. Vice-Chairman Frelich seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Cleyton Fegley	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Nico Rios	AB
Representative Karen Rohr	Y

10:53 a.m. Motion passed 12-0-1.

Representative Holle will carry the bill.

10:55 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby adjourned the meeting.
Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3029 (25.3062.01000)

Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3029 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3029
House Human Services Committee
Testimony of Rep. Gretchen Dobervich, Sponsor
February 19, 2025

Good Morning Chairman Ruby and Members of the House Human Services Committee. For the record my name is Representative Gretchen Dobervich and work for the people of District 11 in Fargo.

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correct supports for people who experience this? If selected for study, HCR 3029 could answer these questions and provide solutions.

That concludes my testimony. I respectfully request a Do Pass on HCR 3029 and I stand for questions.

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9:51 a.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Best Practices for Serving Population
- Substance Abuse Inclusivity
- Placement Challenges for Individuals with Criminal Background
- Preventative Practices
- Experience Examples of Placement Challenges

9:51 a.m. Representative Dobervich testified in favor and submitted testimony #43009.

9:56 a.m. Rebecca Quinn, Center for Rural Health Associate Director, testified in favor and submitted testimony #42789.

10:12 a.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

Elizabeth Reiten for Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

Senate Human Services Committee
March 19, 2025
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3029

Madam Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Rebecca Quinn, and I serve as an associate director at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

North Dakota has made many strides in expanding the continuum of care available for individuals, but there continues to be populations either unserved or receiving inappropriate services. Examples include those with complex co-occurring neurological and behavioral health needs or individuals with co-occurring substance use disorder, criminal justice history, and/or sex offender registry.

During the last interim, a coalition of professionals from diverse organizations, including the ND Department of Health and Human Services, geropsychiatric providers, and hospital and medical associations, began working to address behavioral health challenges in LTC and psychiatric facilities. This work made great strides, and the current geropsychiatric facility bill came out of this process. However, it was identified that there was more to be done on examining community-based options for this unique population. This continuing resolution would continue this needed work and determine the best avenues for the development of appropriate services and prevent inappropriate placement, homelessness, or even incarceration.

Thank you for your consideration and I stand for any questions,

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Inpatient

- State Hospital
- Psych Hospital
- Hospital Inpatient

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

Community Based Intensive Behavioral Long-Term Care

Currently Unavailable

- Needed for:
- Younger individuals with neurological/behavioral needs
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Geropsych Facilities

- Currently 3 facilities
- Average age 67
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Basic Care

- Basic Care Facilities
- Specialized Basic Care:
  - 2 Brain Injury Group Homes
  - Memory Care Units

Home and Community Based Services

- Agency Adult Foster Homes
- 1:1 Services in home up to 24 hrs
- Other QSP services

Various Community Based Services

Services based on individuals needs and eligibility

- Human Service Centers
- 1915I
- SUD Voucher
- Etc.

Facility Based Continuum

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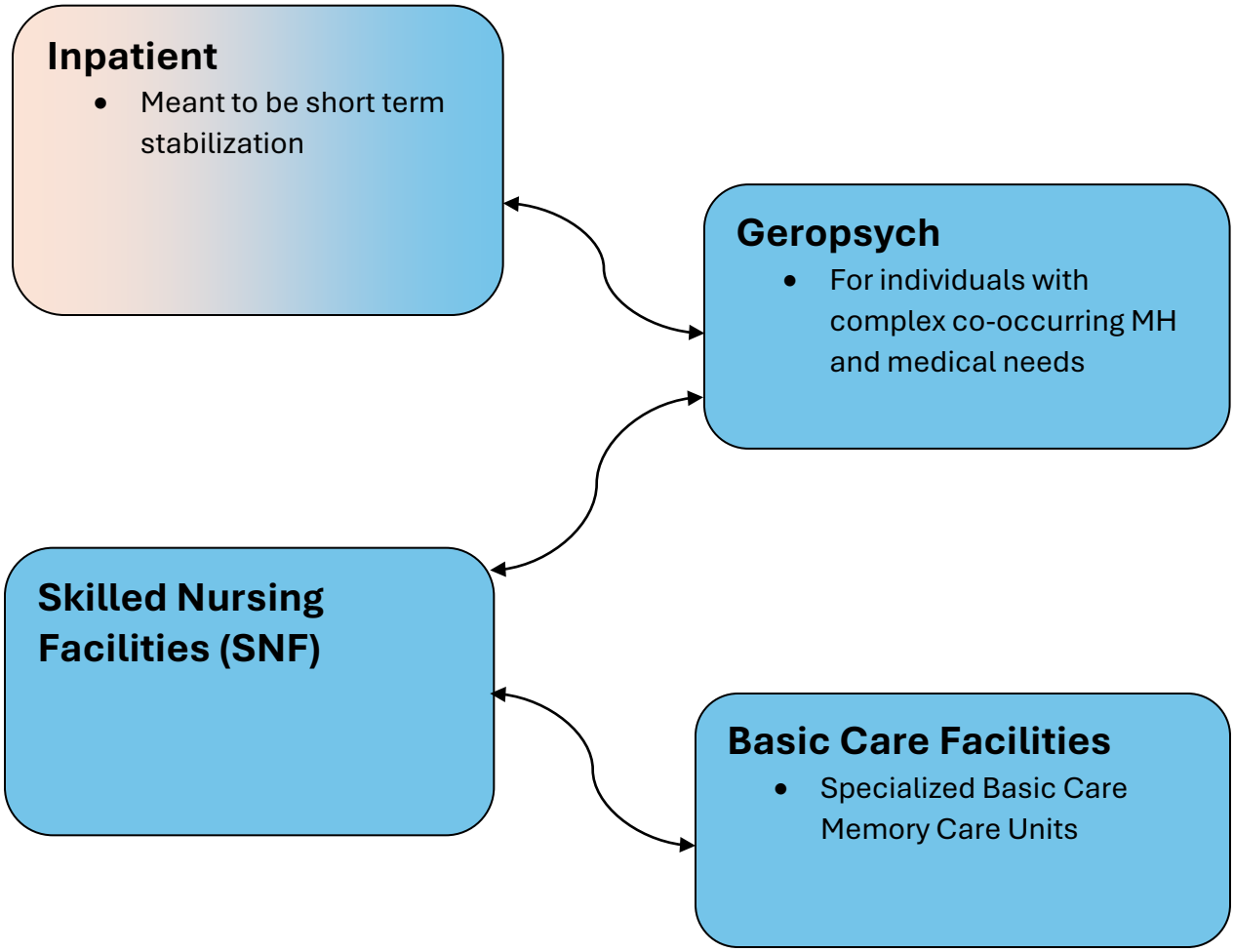

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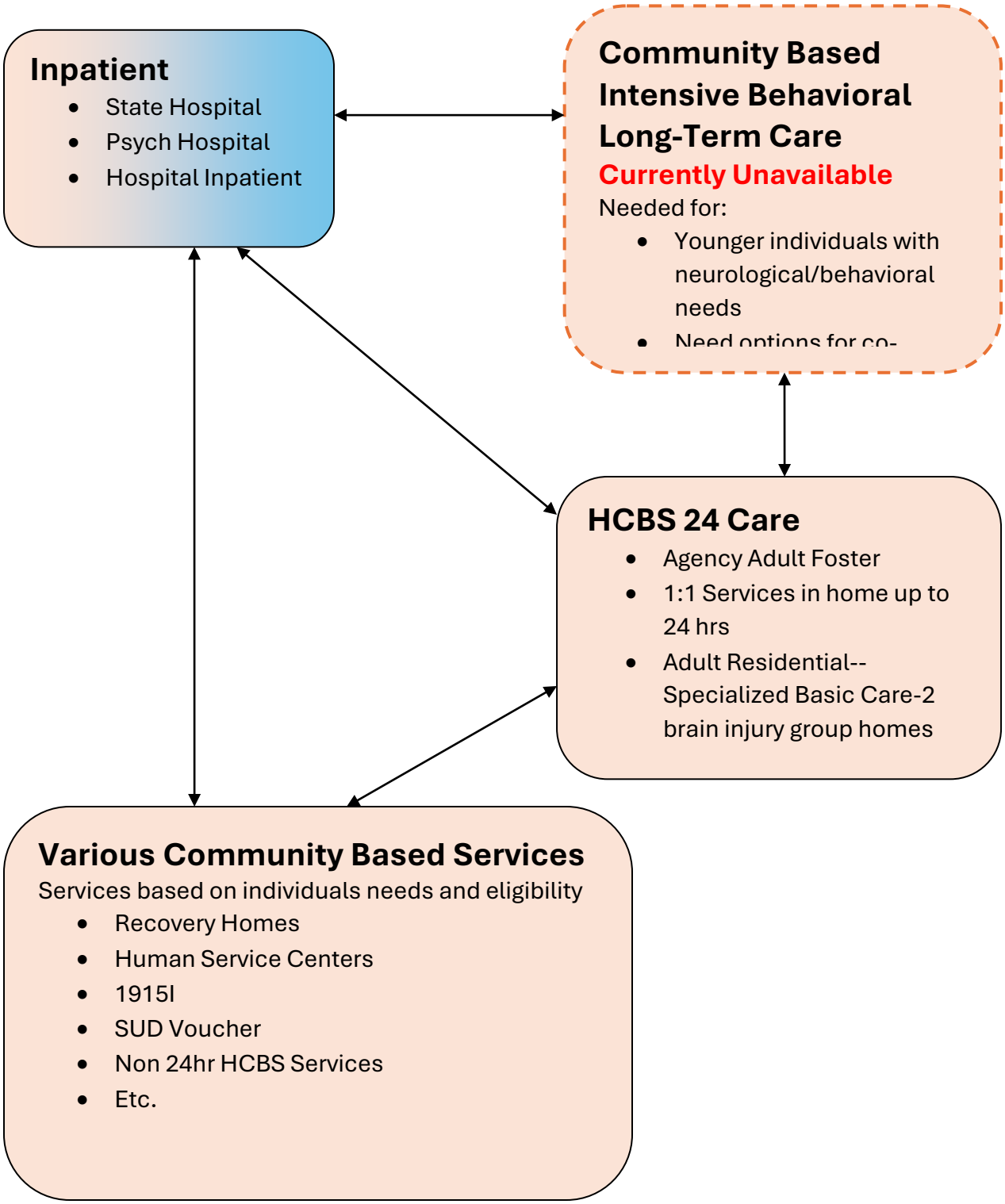

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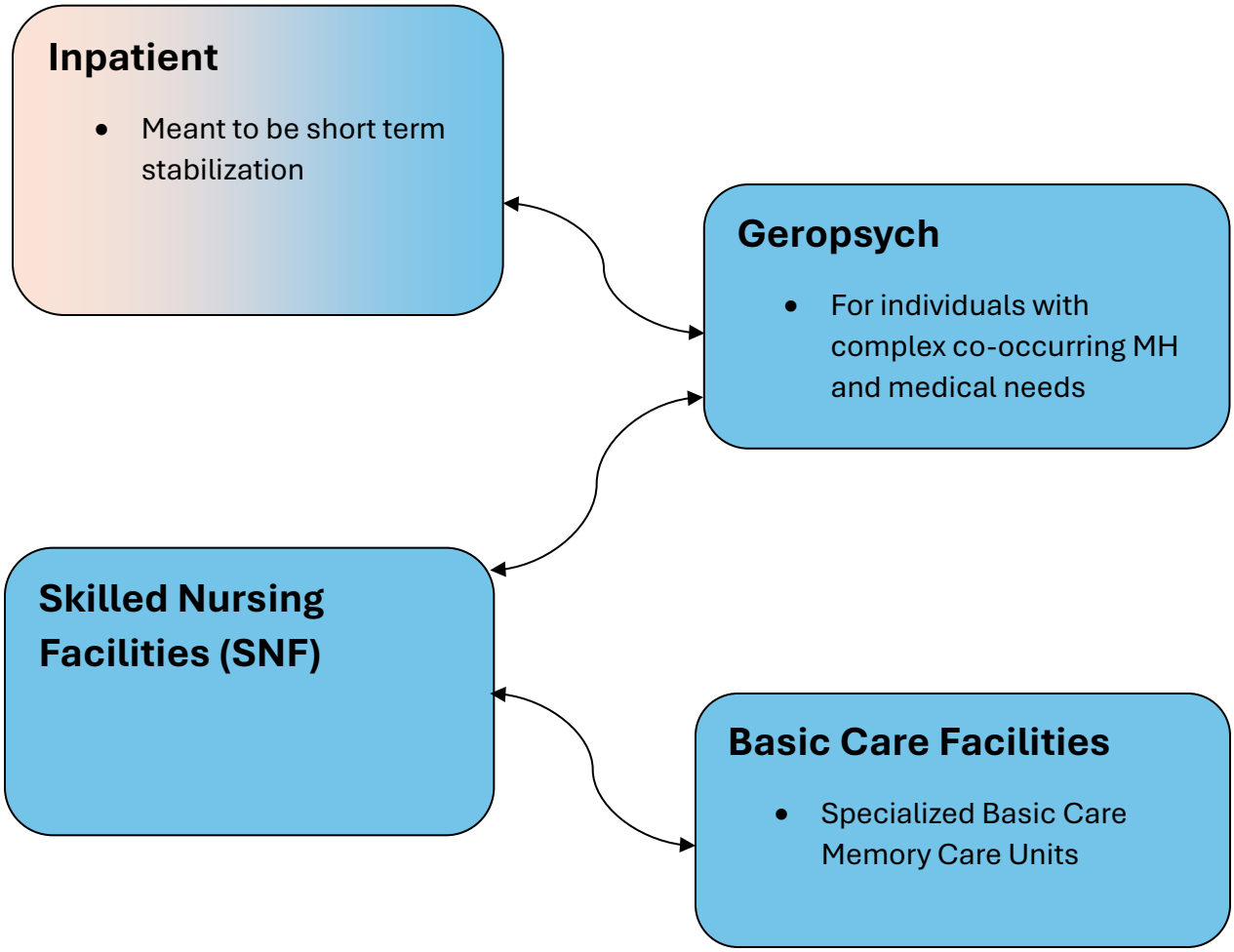

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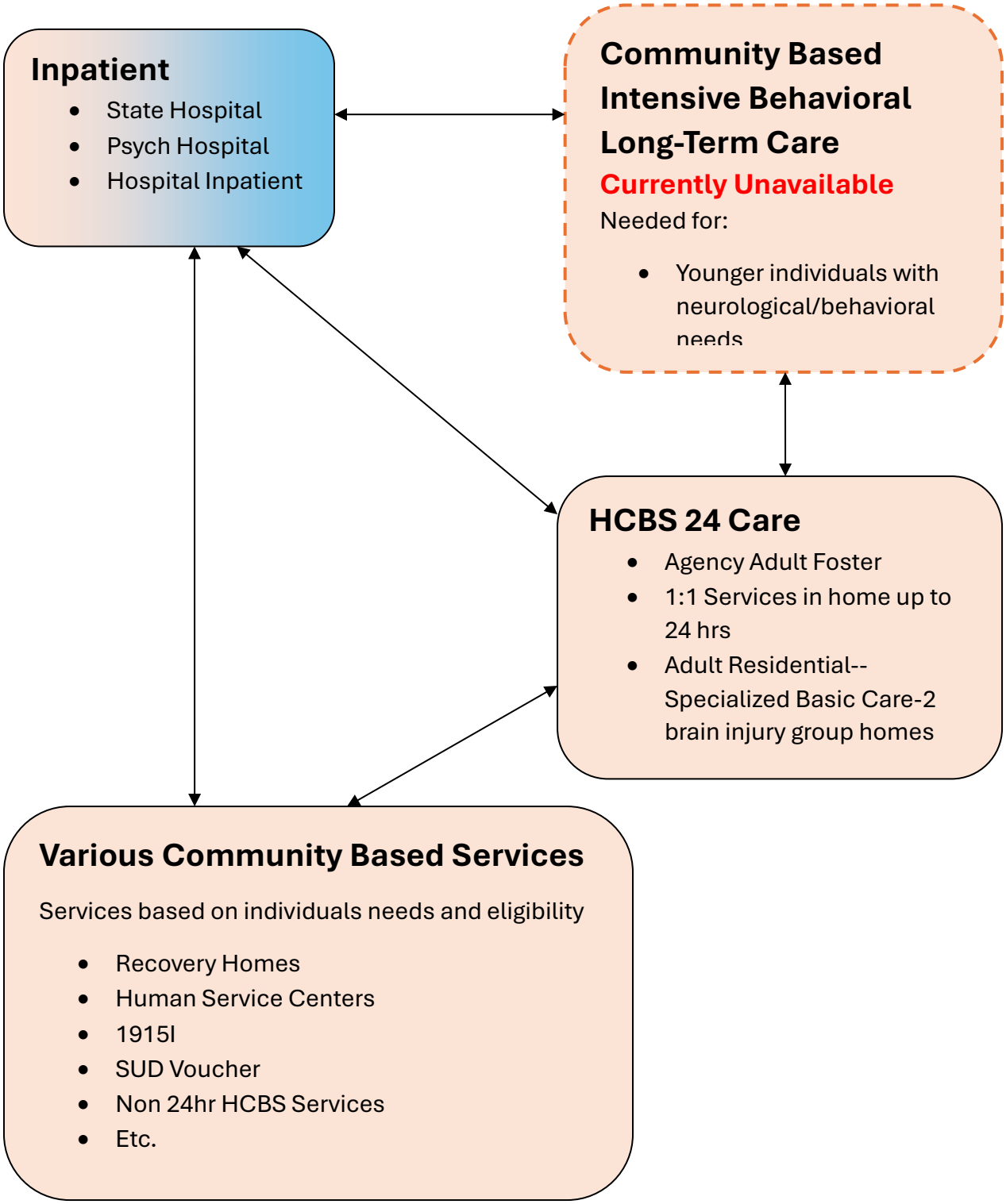

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Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

4:13 p.m. Senator Hogan moved Do Pass.

4:13 p.m. Senator Weston seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	AB

Motion passed 5-0-1.

Senator Weston will carry the bill.

4:13 p.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
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Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3029 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.