MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

A.9085 CLARK /S.7752 BROUK - AN ACT directing the commissioner of mental health to establish a maternal mental health workgroup to study and issue recommendations related to maternal mental health and perinatal and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders; and providing for the repeal of such provision upon expiration thereof

July 5, 2022: The Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) supports A.9085/S.7752 sponsored by Assembly Member Clark and Senator Brouk which would establish a workgroup to study and issue recommendations related to maternal mental health and perinatal and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders.

Maternal mental health is critical to the health and wellness of our children, families and communities. COFCCA members provide a wide variety of mental and behavioral healthcare services to expectant families and new parents that have come to the attention of the child welfare system. If enacted, COFCCA strongly encourages the Maternal Mental Health Workgroup to ensure the expertise of our child welfare providers is considered in their work.

COFCCA supports A.9085/S.7752 and encourages the Governor to sign the bill.

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