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## 2024 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

IA – Advocacy remains an integral component of disability services across the United States. At Imagine the Possibilities, we are thankful for Cheryl Plank, Chief Strategic Advancement Officer, who displays not only an understanding of the importance for advocacy, but an unwavering passion for being an advocate for all. Recently, Cheryl was elected to the 2024 Government Relations Advisory Committee with ANCOR, an organization that is intentional about championing the way for better policies regarding disability services.

When asked about her recent election, Cheryl explained, "I am pleased to share I was nominated and elected to serve on the ANCOR Government Relations Advisory Committee. I believe this is in line with my role at Imagine the Possibilities and I see it as an honor to have been chosen." In all her work, Cheryl is an exemplary leader, paving the way for people to follow her example and become true advocates and protectors of people with disabilities.

In addition to Cheryl, five other individuals were elected to this committee, including Barry Jardini of California Disability Services Association, Amy Staed of Kentucky Association of Private Providers, Rachel Neumann of COF Training Services, Elizabeth Martin of Living Resources, and Bradley Rightnowar of Consumer Direct Care Network. These individuals join previously appointed members of the council who are all passionate about shaping public policy together. Lydia Dawson, Vice President of Government Relations at ANCOR, expressed her excitement for these new nominees. She says, "We are so honored to have the opportunity to engage with and learn from such incredible leadership across [our] membership."

Imagine the Possibilities is a proud partner of ANCOR, as we believe it is vital to continue learning about and advocating for people with disabilities. We're on a mission to empower people to reach individual achievement across the spectrum of life, which starts with ensuring proper policies are in place for the services we provide. We are incredibly proud to have a seat at the table and represent those we serve.

For more information on Imagine the Possibilities, check out <u>www.imagineia.org</u>.