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TO: The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable S. Chris Jones, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

I am writing to provide you with an update on the report required by Item 319.D.3 of the 2016 *Appropriation Act*, which requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to procure “an independent contractor, with extensive experience in certification of health care facilities in accordance with federal requirements, to determine the necessary requirements and to assist staff at Eastern State Hospital in implementing such requirements to seek the appropriate Medicaid certification of all or a portion of the Hancock Geriatric Treatment Center.”

As you may recall, on July 25, 2016, DBHDS requested and was granted an extension until October 1, 2017 for this report. This extension was granted due to the statements by vendors that the December 1, 2016 timeframe was not realistic given the specialized nature of the required work and the need to subcontract with experts. DBHDS is writing to provide you with an update on DBHDS’s work to repost and resolicit the request for proposals for the recertification options for the Hancock Geriatric Treatment Center. The chart below provides an overview of the steps DBHDS has taken to obtain a qualified vendor to provide the report by the October 1, 2017 extended due date.

Actions Taken	Item 319.D.3 Certification of Hancock Geriatric Treatment Center
Reposting of the solicitation	<i>August 15, 2016</i>
Reposting sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Virginia Business Opportunities</i>• <i>Richmond Times Dispatch</i>• <i>Los Angeles Times</i>• <i>Washington Post</i>
Preproposal Conference Date	<i>September 15, 2016</i>
Preproposal Conference Attendees	<i>No attendees</i>
Proposal Due Date	<i>October 17, 2016 at 2:00 PM</i>
Proposal Review Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Emily Ehrlichmann, Budget Analyst, DPB</i>• <i>William Edmunds, Director of Process & Evaluation, VDH</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mindy Conley, Director of Acute Care Services, DBHDS</i> • <i>Florence Wells, Director of Cost Accounting, DBHDS</i> • <i>Daniel Herr, Assistant Commissioner, DBHDS</i>
Proposals Received	<i>None</i>
Next Steps	<i>DBHDS is currently considering a sole source contract with a vendor with known expertise</i>

Thank you again for granting this request for an extension for these reports. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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