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TO: The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor
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
The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds, Chair, Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Twenty-First Century

I am writing to provide you with an update on the report required by Item 319.C.2 of the 2016 *Appropriation Act*. This report requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to procure a contractor to develop a comprehensive plan for the publicly funded geropsychiatric system of care in Virginia.

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 November 15, 2016 timeframe was not realistic given the specialized nature of the required work and the need to subcontract with geropsychiatric experts.

DBHDS is writing to provide you with an update on DBHDS's work to repost and resolicit the request for proposals for an array of community and state hospital geropsychiatric services. The chart below provides an overview of the steps DBHDS has taken to obtain a qualified vendor to provide the required services and report by the October 1, 2017 extended due date.

Actions Taken	Item 319.C.2 Geropsychiatric System of Care for Virginia
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>One attendee</i>
Proposal Due Date	<i>October 17, 2016 @2:00 PM</i>
Proposal Review Committee	• <i>Emily Ehrlichmann, Budget Analyst, DPB</i>

Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>William Edmunds, Director of Process & Evaluation, VDH</i> • <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>One</i>
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DBHDS is currently scheduling a meeting of the review committee</i> • <i>If proposal meets requirements, estimated award date is November 30, 2016</i>

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

Sincerely,



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