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November 1, 2017

The Honorable S. Chris Jones, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
900 East Main Street
Pocahontas Building, 13th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Delegate Jones:

In the 2017 *Appropriation Act*, the General Assembly provided the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) with \$2.5 million each year of the current biennium to purchase private inpatient geriatric mental health services and for Discharge Assistance Planning (DAP) funds; \$652,500 was to be used for Western State Hospital (WSH) discharge planning. Item 319.B of the Act requires DBHDS to report annually on the number of individuals served and the types of services provided by these funds.

In FY2017, a total of 140 individuals were supported using \$2.5 million in DAP funds. The funds were utilized to discharge difficult to serve individuals.

- \$1,200,000 was provided for contracted intensive and transitional community programs for 24 individuals who were discharged from Eastern State Hospital (ESH). Those programs were:
 - (a) Assisted Living Intensive community residential treatment that provides:
 - 24 hour intensive care, supervision and support for up to 8 individuals
 - Assistance with medication education and monitoring
 - Support and assistance in engaging/transition to community based activities
 - Support toward transitioning to lower level of care as appropriate
 - (b) Transitional group home that provides:
 - Housing and residential treatment for up to 8 individuals
 - Education related to management of mental health and medications
 - Engagement in services on site and in the community
 - Support and skill building for transition to lower level of care as appropriate

- \$647,500 was used by ESH for 84 individual DAP plans developed to support the discharge of individuals in the community. Plans included:
 - Residential supports
 - Nursing home care
 - Mental health skill building
 - Counseling and psychiatry services
 - Psychosocial rehab services

- \$652,500 was used by WSH to discharge 32 individuals. Services paid for via the DAP funds included:
 - Case management services
 - Outpatient services (counseling and psychiatry)
 - Supportive residential services
 - Rental assistance

Sincerely,



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cc: William A. Hazel, Jr., M.D.
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The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.,
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
Senate Finance Committee
14th Floor, Pocahontas Building
900 East Main Street
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Dear Senator Norment and Senator Hanger:

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The Honorable Richard D. Brown
Office of the Secretary of Finance
Patrick Henry Building
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Secretary Brown:

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