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Mark W. Binkley, Interim Director
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Dear Director Binkley:

On behalf of the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee, thank you, and your staff for your recent presentation to the subcommittee relating to the Department of Mental Health's mental health professionals and deferred maintenance at the community mental health centers. As a follow-up to the meeting, please respond to the following:

- Provide a copy of the agency's most recent Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan.
- How many full time equivalent positions has the agency allotted for the GA50 and GA60 classifications?
- Provide a salary comparison for mental health professionals at DMH and the following:
 - School districts;
 - Other state agencies;
 - Federal agencies; and
 - Private entities.

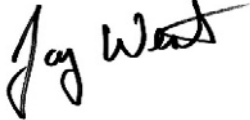
The comparison should consider geographic locations comparable to the community mental health centers and comparable classifications.

- Describe the formal and informal mechanisms used to obtain employee feedback.

- Describe the procurement process for the planned nursing facilities. Did DMH receive multiple bids for designing and constructing the facilities? Are contracts inclusive of future renovations, or is each renovation bid competitively?

If these questions would yield responses that are not an accurate reflection of the agency or if additional time is needed to respond, please contact Committee staff. The Subcommittee looks forward to our next meeting. Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay West". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jay West
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Robert L. Ridgeway, III
The Honorable Bill Taylor
The Honorable Chris Wooten