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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 continued cooperation in the oversight process. As a follow-up to the September 16, 2019, meeting, please respond to the following:

- For the pilot program with the Richland County Probation, Parole and Pardon Services office, imbedding a DMH employee in the office to see former offenders in the community, is DMH or PPP measuring the program's impact on recidivism? Is so, please provide the data. If not, are there other appropriate measures of the pilot's impact useful in determining whether it should be replicated across the state?
- What information is included in the DMH training database (see 2017-18 Accountability Report p. 2)?
 - Does it include hours earned online and in-person? If not, could it?
 - Could it track training obtained outside of DMH, if a staff person provides the information?
 - Does it connect to the records maintained by the credentialing office?
- In the Subcommittee's August 19, 2019, letter to the agency, we asked for the Clinical Competency Oversight Committee's guiding principles and procedures, in addition to the establishment date and charge. The response did not include the Committee's guiding principles and procedures. Please respond to the following questions:

- What processes and systems to monitor employee training compliance exist for the Clinical Competency Oversight Committee to review?
- Will the committee also be tasked with the creation of processes and systems if none exists?
- How frequently will the committee meet?
- What will be the scope of the status reports and how often will the committee submit them?
- Will the committee review individual employee training to determine compliance?
- Will the committee review the sufficiency and efficiency of all training programs?
- If the committee's efforts are limited to the Division of Inpatient Services, has the department established equivalent committees in other agency divisions? If not, does it plan to?
- Does the membership of the committee include representatives from all aspects of the provision of care in inpatient services? Are there primary care physicians on the committee?

The Subcommittee looks forward to our next meeting. Please provide responses to these questions prior to October 14, 2019. 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