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August 31, 2016

Van T. Mitchell, Secretary  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
201 W. Preston Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

**RE: 2016 Forensic Services Workgroup – Recommendations for State Psychiatric Forensic Services**

Dear Secretary Mitchell:

In response to your request in June 2016, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) respectfully submits the enclosed report, on behalf of the Forensic Services Workgroup, which summarizes the actions and recommendations that address the current State psychiatric hospital capacity issue.

With the report complete, BHA looks forward to working with you in developing an implementation plan in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the report or its recommendations, please contact me at 410-402-8452 or email [barbara.bazron@maryland.gov](mailto:barbara.bazron@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Bazron, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

Enclosure

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