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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Citizens of the Commonwealth

FROM: James S. Reinhard, M.D.

DATE: October 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Draft Comprehensive State Plan 2010-2016

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has completed a draft of its Comprehensive State Plan 2010-2016. This plan builds on the work of the Department's transformation efforts and identifies future directions for Virginia's publicly-funded behavioral health and intellectual disabilities services system. Additionally, the plan proposes specific actions for addressing critical issues and includes a summary of resources required to address identified system gaps or deficiencies.

The text of the complete draft plan and an executive summary are available [here](#). The public comment period for the Plan will extend through November 20, 2009.

The Board of Behavioral Health and Department staff will conduct a videoconference public hearing on November 17, 2009 to receive comments on the draft plan. The hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until all comments are received. There will be four sites where the public can participate in the hearing:

Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg
Northern Virginia Training Center in Fairfax
Southside Virginia Training Center in Dinwiddie
Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion

Sign-up sheets will be available at each location on the day of the hearing for individuals who want to provide public comments. If possible, please bring a written copy of your comments to leave with the Board and Department. If you need an interpreter or other accommodations, please contact [Linda Grasewicz](#), Senior Planner, at (804) 786-0040 by November 9, 2009.

Please send any comments you might have on the draft plan to Charline Davidson, Director, Office of Planning and Development at DBHDS, 1220 Bank Street, P. O. Box 1797, Richmond, VA

23218-1797 by November 20, 2009. Comments also will be accepted by [email](#) or by facsimile at (804) 371-0092.