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The Honorable John Taliaferro West, IV South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee Post Office Box 11867 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Chairman West,

Thank you for your letter dated February 7, 2019 with questions resulting from the South Carolina Department of Mental Health's (SCDMH) submission of the Program Evaluation Report on November 19, 2018 and its subcommittee presentation on February 5, 2019. SCDMH appreciates the opportunity to provide additional information related to its mission to support the recovery of people with mental illnesses.

SCDMH has already begun to prepare the answers to the questions and gather supporting documentation. Given the breadth of the subject matter to which the questions relate, and the depth of an appropriate response, SCDMH is respectfully requesting an extension from the original date for submission, February 19, 2019. SCDMH requests that it be allowed to submit the answers to the questions with supporting documentation as completed. We will be providing some of the information shortly.

Thank you, again, for providing SCDMH with the opportunity to share with the Subcommittee its successes and challenges, and for the Subcommittee's dedication to legislative oversight and support.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 803-898-8319 if you have any questions, or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Binkley, JD Interim State Director

MISSION STATEMENT

To support the recovery of people with mental illnesses.

