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*Via Email*

RE: Follow-up questions from the Subcommittee meeting with the agency on November 12, 2019

Dear Director Goldsby:

The Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee appreciates the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services' continued partnership in the oversight process. As a follow-up to the meeting on November 12, 2019, please provide the requested information by Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

### **Prevention and Intervention**

1. The percent change in substance use rates in 2017 are significantly less than 2016. Please provide additional information regarding what may have impacted substance use rates during that period. (Reference slide 44 from the agency's presentation on November 12, 2019).
2. Between 2016 and 2017, there was a significant percentage drop in the four alcohol product categories tracked through compliance checks. To what does the agency attribute this change?
3. What percentage of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant is allocated for primary prevention services?
4. Do local alcohol and drug abuse authorities, servicing a multi-county area, experience an increased rate of substance abuse verses counties with a single provider?

5. How many vacant certified prevention specialist and certified senior prevention specialist positions are there in the state? Please provide additional information regarding compensation and how it compares to North Carolina and Georgia.

### Government and Partner Organizations

6. What state agencies and partner organizations comprise the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup?
7. Please provide a list of “red flags” alcohol and tobacco merchants can look for to identify fake identification cards. **Please note:** If you have any concern that providing this information, which will be posted on the Committee’s webpage, will negatively affect efforts to combat the usage of fake identification cards, please do not provide it. Instead, please provide contact information for merchants who wish to learn more about this topic.
8. Is the annual statewide outcomes report, prepared by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, posted online or otherwise made available to the public?
9. How many merchants in each county have completed the Palmetto Retailers Education Program? How many merchants would qualify for this program? Please provide estimates if exact numbers are not known.

### Schools and School Districts

10. Please provide a list of school districts that have not availed themselves at the opportunity to incorporate classroom-based educational programming designed to help mitigate substance use.
11. Please provide a list of school districts opting to not participate in the Communities That Care Youth Survey.

In responding to these questions, please remember the Committee’s expectations, which are provided in Committee [Standard Practice 9](#). The subcommittee looks forward to working collaboratively with the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. Thank you and your team for your service to the people of South Carolina.

Sincerely,



Jay West  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee