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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** S. Hughes Melton, MD, MBA  
Commissioner  
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**FROM:** Braden J. Curtis  
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**DATE:** December 12, 2018

**SUBJECT:** *Peer Recovery Specialists*  
New regulation of peer recovery specialists  
12VAC35-250

I have reviewed the proposed replacement regulations, *Peer Recovery Specialists*, 12VAC35-250, that were adopted by the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (“Board”) on October 15, 2018. The Board has the authority to adopt these replacement regulations pursuant to Virginia Code § 37.2-203. The proposed regulations are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.