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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jack Barber, M.D.  
Interim Commissioner  
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**FROM:** Allyson K. Tysinger  
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**DATE:** November 21, 2017

**SUBJECT:** *Public Participation Guidelines*  
12 VAC 35-12

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Public Participation Guidelines*, 12 VAC 35-12, that were adopted by the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services on October 4, 2017. The Board has the statutory authority to promulgate this regulation under Virginia Code § 37.2-203. The proposed regulation is constitutional and does not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.