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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Barber, M.D.

Interim Commissioner

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

FROM: Allyson K. Tysinger

Senior Assistant Attorney General

DATE: April 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Peer Recovery Specialists

12 VAC 35-250

I have reviewed the regulation titled *Peer Recovery Specialists*, 12 VAC 35-250, that was adopted by the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services on April 5, 2017. The Board has the statutory authority to promulgate this regulation under Virginia Code § 37.2-203 and can do so as an emergency under Virginia Code § 2.2-4011. The proposed regulation is constitutional and does not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.