

Mark R. Herring Attorney General 202 North 9th Street Richmond, Virginia 23219 804-786-2071 FAX 804-786-1991 Virginia Relay Services 800-828-1120

MEMORANDUM

- TO: Alison G. Land, FACHE Commissioner Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- FROM: Karen A. Taylor Senior Assistant Attorney General
- **DATE:** September 8, 2021
- **SUBJECT:** Periodic Review of the *Public Participation Guidelines* 12 VAC 35-12-10 et seq.

In accordance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-4017 and Executive Order 14 (2018) (Amended), I have reviewed the *Public Participation Guidelines*, 12 VAC 35-12-10 et seq. These regulations are undergoing periodic review. In my opinion, the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (Board) had the authority under Virginia Code §§ 37.2-203 and 2.2-4007.02 to adopt the current regulations, and the Board has the authority to amend the regulations.