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December 10, 2014

The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton
Chair, Senate Finance
Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Peter A. Hammen
Chair, House Health and Government
Operations Committee
241 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: Senate Bill 882/House Bill 1267 – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Outpatient Services Programs Stakeholder Workgroup

Dear Chair Middleton and Chair Hammen:

Pursuant to Chapters 352 and 353 of the Acts of 2014, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene respectfully submits this report on the Outpatient Services Programs Stakeholder Workgroup. Specifically, the report includes proposals to: establish an outpatient civil commitment program in Maryland, expand access to voluntary outpatient mental health services, and an evaluation of the dangerousness standard for involuntary admissions and emergency evaluations.

If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Jordan-Randolph, M.D., Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, at (410) 767-3167.

Sincerely,

Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D.
Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Gayle Jordan-Randolph, M.D.
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