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Dr. Jack Barber, Interim Commissioner
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
1220 Bank Street
Richmond, VA 23219

SUBJECT: OSIG 2016-BHDS-005 FY 2016 Unannounced Inspections of Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation

Dear Dr. Barber:

The Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) performed an unannounced inspection at the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation, a facility operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services that serves individuals deemed to be sexually violent predators. These inspections were performed pursuant to the *Code of Virginia* § [2.2-309.1\[B\]\(1\)](#). The overall goal of unannounced inspections is to review the quality of services provided and make policy and operational recommendations in order to prevent problems, abuses, and deficiencies and improve the effectiveness of programs and services. For fiscal year (FY) 2016, the unannounced inspections focused specifically on the content and implementation of [Departmental Instruction 201 \(RTS\)03 Reporting and Investigating Abuse and Neglect of Individuals Receiving Services in Department Facilities \(DI201\)](#).

These inspections were conducted in the same manner as those conducted for the behavioral health facilities and the background, scope, and methodology for these inspections was consistent with the inspections of the behavioral health facilities. In order to avoid repeating all of the background information, this letter serves to indicate that the inspection observed no unique issues that require specific recommendations.

All of the observations and recommendations in the FY 2016 Unannounced Inspections of Behavioral Health Facilities, Report No. 2016-BHDS-003 apply to VCBR. As a result, they are not repeated here,

but OSIG requests DBHDS implement those recommendations for VCBR. Additionally, because this inspection illuminated the critical differences between VCBR and other DBHDS-operated facilities, OSIG recommends DBHDS ensure that subject matter experts from all facility types, including VCBR, are included in the workgroup revising DI201.

By copy of this letter, OSIG is requesting that agency management provide a corrective action plan within 30 days to address this recommendation. OSIG is also requesting that agency management provide an update on efforts being taken to implement changes recommended in 2016-BHDS-003 within 30 days.

On behalf of OSIG, I would like to express our appreciation for the assistance provided by the facility director and staff during this inspection.

If you have any questions, please call me at (804)625-3255 or email me at june.jennings@osig.virginia.gov. I am also available to meet with you in person to discuss this report.

Sincerely,



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