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**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 311, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Josh Dobson, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 301N, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603


The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 303, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairmen:

NC General Statute §143B-139.4B, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division, on the operation and effectiveness of the Statewide Telepsychiatry Program. This annual report includes the number of consulting sites and referring sites participating in the program, the number of psychiatric assessments conducted under the program, the length of stay of patients, and number of involuntary commitments recommended.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Maggie Sauer, Director for the Office of Rural Health, at [Maggie.Sauer@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Maggie.Sauer@dhhs.nc.gov) or 919-527-6440.

Sincerely,

 Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH  
Secretary

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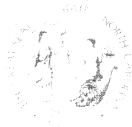
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Mr. Mark Trogdon, Director  
Fiscal Research Division  
Suite 619, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Director Trogdon:

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