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Dear County Director of Behavioral Health, and
Chairperson, Behavioral Health Board/Commission:

This letter transmits the 2018 Data Notebook for Local Behavioral Health (BH) Boards and Commissions to use in reporting to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC). We are asking the boards/commissions, in partnership with county departments of behavioral health, to complete the Data Notebook and submit it to us at the CBHPC by March 31, 2019.

This year's Data Notebook is different and does not contain county-specific data. Rather, it was developed to survey counties and local advisory board members about the most critical behavioral health (BH) needs in their community. This critical information will guide our advocacy efforts during the coming year. Although this survey is brief, its purpose is to help local boards fulfill their mandate to evaluate program strengths, unmet needs, and goals for county BH services. Your county's participation will help the CBHPC fulfill our federal and state mandates for reporting to the legislature and the public.

Instructions on how to complete the Data Notebook are straightforward. Please enter your survey responses directly into the attached MS Word document. Then, **save your document in MS Word format (not pdf)**. Send your completed report to us at: DataNotebook@CMHPC.ca.gov. The signatures page may be scanned separately.

Currently, we are developing the 2019 Data Notebook for release in the spring. We anticipate that we will resume our practice of providing county and state level data for your review.

We greatly appreciate your participation in the Data Notebook project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me or Linda Dickerson at (916) 327-6560 or write to Linda.Dickerson@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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