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

This letter transmits the 2019 Data Notebook for Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions to use in reporting to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC). We are asking the boards and commissions, in partnership with county departments of behavioral health, to complete the Data Notebook and submit it to us at the CBHPC by October 15, 2019.

This year's Data Notebook provides some county-specific data, and also requests informational responses to discussion questions. In an attempt to streamline the overall process, we are adopting an approach that includes some standard yearly data and questions to monitor key issues for which there is not publicly-available data at this time. In addition, as in prior years, we include a focus topic, which is trauma-informed care across the lifespan. This year's topic coincides with new state provisions for trauma screening in children and adults who receive Medi-Cal funded healthcare.

The purpose of the Data Notebook project is to help local boards fulfill their mandate to report on program strengths, unmet needs, and goals for county behavioral health services. Your county's participation will help the CBHPC fulfill our federal and state mandates for reporting to the legislature and the public, and will inform our advocacy for behavioral health services.

Instructions on how to complete the Data Notebook are straightforward. Please enter your responses to the two sets of questions directly into the attached MS Word document. The signatures page should be scanned separately and that image can be copy/pasted into the end of the document. Then, **save your document in MS Word format (not pdf)**. Please send your completed report to us at:
DataNotebook@CMHPC.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely,

Lorraine Flores, Chairperson

c: County MHSA Coordinators