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Dear Colleague—

As a practitioner on the front lines, you are already aware of the unprecedented demand to meet the mental health needs of Virginia's 8 million residents. Behavioral Health practitioners licensed by the Commonwealth's health regulatory boards range from *Psychiatrists, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners* and *Clinical Psychologists* to *Licensed Clinical Social Workers* and *Licensed Professional Counselors*.

Based on the information they provide, Virginia's Department of Health Professions' (DHP) [Healthcare Workforce Data Center](#) (HWDC) is pleased to announce the launch of its a new 2023 digital [Behavioral Health Dashboard](#).

The seventh in a series of customized visualization tools, the *DHP HWDC Behavior Health Dashboard* is timely. Implemented this spring to meet the need for quantifiable, state-specific data regarding licensees of Virginia's behavioral healthcare workforce, the dashboard provides workforce indicators by practice type. Findings can be used to quantify the workforce habits and preferences of behavioral health practitioners licensed in the Commonwealth. Not unlike other DHP HWDC products, all searchable findings are based on the confidential, voluntary participation of licenses surveyed by the state's health regulatory boards during licensure or renewal.

Each of HWDC's customized visualization tools can be used by students making career decisions, policy makers, program designers, healthcare practitioners and the general public. Updated regularly, each data set provides users with an understanding of existing and emerging issues that impact Virginia's healthcare workforce as well as patient access to regional and statewide care.

For further information regarding the DHP HWDC Behavioral Health Dashboard or to schedule a presentation on use of the materials, please contact DHP HWDC Director, Yetty Shobo at Yetty.Shobo@DHP.Virginia.Gov.

Sincerely,
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