

OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Operations and Performance of the Office of the State Inspector General, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

Behavioral health oversight ► The General Assembly may wish to consider including language in the Appropriation Act to direct the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) to develop and implement a plan to conduct system-level oversight of the quality of care and safety across Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services facilities and community-based providers. The plan should set forth the primary oversight activities that OSIG plans to undertake, as well as the number of additional staff positions and types of expertise necessary to carry out these activities. OSIG should submit the plan to the House Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions Committees, and the Senate Finance and Education and Health Committees no later than June 30, 2020. (Recommendation 11)

POLICY OPTION

Staff typically propose policy options rather than make recommendations when (i) the action is a policy judgment best made by elected officials—especially the General Assembly, (ii) evidence suggests action could potentially be beneficial, or (iii) a report finding could be addressed in multiple ways.

Future JLARC review of audit program ► The General Assembly could direct staff with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to conduct a follow-up review of the Office of the State Inspector General performance audit program after FY24 to determine whether the scaled-back program has been successful. (Option 1)