REPORT TO THE BOARD

May 24, 2017

The Board of Directors
Mental Health Association of Erie County, Inc. and
Mental Health Association of Erie County Foundation, Inc.

Dear Board Members:

We have audited the combined financial statements of Mental Health Association of Erie County, Inc. and Mental Health Association of Erie County Foundation, Inc. (collectively, the Organization) for the year ended December 31, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated May 24, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter dated October 26, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in note 1 to the combined financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2016. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the combined financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the combined financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the combined financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we evaluated the key factors and assumptions used by management in determining that accounting estimates were reasonable in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.
Significant Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the combined financial statements were the disclosures of economic dependency in note 7 and prior period adjustment in note 9.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit. Management and accounting personnel were very helpful in assisting us during our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no material uncorrected misstatements detected as a result of our audit procedures.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this report, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the combined financial statements or the auditors’ report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization’s combined financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors’ opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.
Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Mental Health Association of Erie County, Inc. and Mental Health Association of Erie County Foundation, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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