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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Mental Health Association would like to share with our partners and supporters that Sallie Morgan will be retiring as Executive Director by the end of 2020 after 10 years at the helm of the organization. Under Sallie's leadership, the Association has grown substantially in both the scope and the depth of its commitment to promoting and facilitating mental wellness in our community. We have expanded to serve Rappahannock County as well as Fauquier, and we have facilitated community-wide planning in both counties to improve access to mental health and substance use services. We have worked closely with many partners to expand the number of high-quality providers in the area, and through our referral service we have helped people find appropriate care when they need it. We have educated literally thousands of local residents about the symptoms of mental illness and addiction and where to turn for help. Recognizing the importance of prevention and early intervention, we have worked extensively with local schools and with young people to build resilience and to offer supports to youth and their families.

We thank Sallie for her leadership and also look forward to continuing and expanding the critical work of the Association. We have an invested and engaged board, as well as an excellent staff, and we look forward to starting a new chapter.

Especially in this present moment of uncertainty related to community health and safety, we feel it is important to maintain strength and momentum with an eye to the future. We are therefore proceeding with a thorough and thoughtful search for a new Executive Director, and we would appreciate your help in spreading the word. The position announcement and position description are attached if you would like to share them with potential candidates.

We also want to thank each of you for recognizing the essential role of mental wellness in the health of our community. Your support has significantly increased awareness and access to services, and we look forward to our continued partnership in the days ahead.

With gratitude and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Hooper'.

Tony Hooper, President