## **AGENCY SNAPSHOT**

**Department of Mental Health** Agency History In 1821, the General Assembly approves Community Mental building of the S.C. Lunatic Asylum, Three Major becoming one of the first states in the Inpatient Services Service Divisions country to provide funding specifically for Medical Affairs Successes the care and treatment of people with As identified by the agency mental illnesses; the first patient is admitted in 1828. Increasing access to community mental health services by 17.28% Support the and serving more recovery of people patients and authorized with mental illnesses. (4,037 filled) Using innovative technology to advance and increase its services Fiscal Year 2018-19 Resources ·Employing an Increasing access to veterans nursing home beds excellent and well-•Reducing the time for forensics admissions trained staff, Increasing hospital capacity without increasing hospital beds particularly law Addressing crisis stabilization enforcement and Addressing workforce recruitment and retention nursing personnel Emerging Issues Changes regarding third party payors and proposed models of reimbursement, Population growth, and Housing costs

Figure 1. Snapshot of agency's history, major service divisions, fiscal year 2018-19 resources, successes, challenges, and emerging issues1