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Today, the Office of the State Auditor released an audit of Albemarle Mental Health Center, the second in a series of audits of mental health entities. State Auditor Leslie Merritt made the following comments:

“OSA’s audit of the Albemarle Mental Health Center confirms that there is an urgent need for mental health reform. This audit clearly shows that not all taxpayer dollars are being used efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the intended recipients.”

“It is obvious that North Carolina’s mental health safety net has been shredded, and now is the time for a bold policy move to provide sufficient care for North Carolinians in need of mental health services. OSA audits, consultant studies, and mental health advocacy groups have reached the same conclusion: reform as envisioned has not occurred and should be addressed by the General Assembly seeking the advice of all parties (State and local agencies, public and private service providers, mental health advocacy groups, and representatives of the affected population).”

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