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Serving Children and Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities for over 70 Years

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PAUL TORRES
Executive Director

Dear Individuals, Families, and AHRC Suffolk Team Members:

CHRISTOPHER VEROS
Director of Finance

Last week, the agency went through an accreditation process with The Council on Quality and Leadership. CQL works to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual, developmental and psychiatric disabilities. Their mission is to define, measure and improve personal quality of life by providing a world of dignity, opportunity, and community for all people. Our virtual accreditation process included off-site meetings, Personal Outcome Measures interviews, stakeholders plan development and focus groups.

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JOHN SMITH
President

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Secretary

The CQL team noted that AHRC Suffolk excels in many areas including:

- people are being treated with dignity
- strong belief that people have the ability to grow and develop
- recognition that learning causes change and organizational growth
- people are engaged in some form of alternate day programming despite the pandemic
- members are building capacity around advocacy efforts

DIRECTORS

Deborah Pflieger

I am very pleased to report that CQL awarded AHRC Suffolk with the Person-Centered Excellence accreditation for a four-year term! This recognition is not only significant in the level of our award, but also in the number of years awarded, representing a great vote of confidence in the agency quality, and the excellence our staff achieve for and with the individuals we serve. Special thanks to the Quality & Compliance Department for overseeing and coordinating this endeavor, as well as all individuals and staff who contributed their efforts and time.

Together, we have achieved remarkable things over the last seven months and what we all have overcome is astounding. We continue to excel and thrive because of the care, caution and dedication that you are ALL displaying. Continuing to remain vigilant in good hygiene practices, using PPE properly and at all necessary times, and using our best judgement to remain healthy and in turn help ensure that those we support and work alongside will remain healthy; these are the factors that keep our Chapter family safe, despite surges in COVID-19 cases in other New York regions. We cannot become complacent of the risk and must remain steadfast in our commitment to look out for each other. I give thanks for what we have all done and continue to do to contribute to our success! Lend a helping hand when it's needed, and ask for one when you're the one in need. That is the true measure of our success as a team, knowing that we can rely on each other in these difficult times.

Stay well, stay safe and thank you for all you do,

Paul H. Torres
Executive Director



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