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Dear Individuals, Families, and AHRC Suffolk **TEAM** Members:

We've all heard the saying "there's no *I* in *team*", reflecting how no one person is responsible for a group's success. So many people make up our AHRC Suffolk Team, and each and every single person brings a unique skillset, talent and perspective to our team. Each of us are the building blocks for this incredible team for which we should all be so very proud.

The individuals we support have stepped up and adapted remarkably to changes in routine and structure. While it has been challenging for many to have their days look so different than what they had been used to, these men and women have embraced these challenges and, with the support of loved ones and staff, are adapting in ways that are inspiring. Family members and loved ones of our individuals, your role on our team is invaluable. Your connection, support and involvement are key to ensuring your loved one's success.

AHRC Suffolk's single greatest asset is its amazing, compassionate and mission driven staff. Every single staff person in every single position contributes to whether we succeed as a team. During this pandemic, every staff member has been challenged in ways they never imagined. Our Chapter's achievements during the last seven months are inextricably tied to the heroic and selfless manner in which staff rose to the occasion and had each other's backs and those for whom we serve. In the same fashion that individuals and families have had to adapt, staff have successfully met the challenge to stretch and be flexible in unprecedented ways. As OPWDD has increased financial pressures, never before has there been a greater need for us to continue to be a unified team; nimble and responsive to times; going where the work needs us most. I am confident in AHRC Suffolk because we are *#InItTogether*.

AHRC Suffolk individuals, families and staff have always come together through difficult times and now more than ever we have to remember and embrace that team mindset. Let us unite in our determination to overcome. I know we can do amazing things because I see them happening every day in the extraordinary individuals, families and staff that AHRC Suffolk is so fortunate and thankful to have.

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

Paul H. Torres
Executive Director



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