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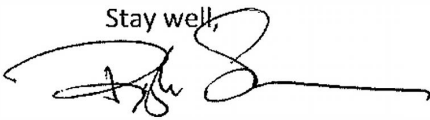
Dear Colleagues,

If you have not previously heard, I regret to inform you about Dr. Kirsten Vincent's untimely passing on Monday, May 31st. "Gone too soon" is such a cliched phrase but it is so very appropriate in this instance. Kirsten came into her leadership role during a time of significant transition in our agency, and she and our management team put things into place and got us headed back in the right direction. Our agency was able to grow and flourish under her leadership even through the global pandemic of COVID-19. Kirsten earned great respect within the mental health community as an innovative, visionary leader and ambassador for our agency. We are in her debt, and she will be greatly missed.

Please know that our Board of Directors is fully supportive of the agency during this difficult time. Kirsten was a driving force to grow and expand the needs in all our communities. We will continue to carry out her paths and work with our administrative staff to achieve our future goals. If you have any questions or need to contact the agency during this time, please contact our COO, Shannon Higbee, at Shannon.higbee@recoveryoptionsny.org or our CFO, Jacqueline Emborski, at Jacque.emborski@recoveryoptionsny.org.

Kirsten will leave a void in our lives but her kindness and accomplishments will be acknowledged for years to come.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ralph Swanson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ralph Swanson

President, Board of Directors

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