



February 3, 2014

Bernard J. McHugh
Director of State Expenditures
Office of the State Comptroller
Bureau of State Expenditures
110 State Street
Albany, New York 12236

Dear Mr. McHugh:

I am responding to OSC's January 16, 2014 report regarding the examination of travel expenses of OMH's Director of Suicide Prevention. OMH is treating this report very seriously and will continue to work closely with OSC to ensure a complete and proper handling of this matter.

You should also know that after reviewing OSC's report, OMH is in agreement with OSC's findings. As you have requested, we have and will continue our efforts to verify the propriety of travel expenses submitted by this employee. As our work is not yet complete, and given the serious nature of OSC's findings, we expect to be sending you a future update on the actions taken by OMH.

OMH wishes to thank you and your staff for the assistance provided in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Martha Schaefer Hayes
Executive Deputy Commissioner

