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Stephen Goss, CIA, CGFM
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Dear Mr. Goss:

The Office of Mental Health has reviewed the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC's) final audit report entitled, "Compliance with Jonathan's Law" (2018-S-22). Our responses to the recommendations contained in OSC's report are enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Marie T. Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ann Marie T. Sullivan, M.D.
Commissioner

**OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH
RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
FINAL REPORT 2018-S-22
COMPLIANCE WITH JONATHAN'S LAW**

The following are the Office of Mental Health's (OMH) response to the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) final audit report 2018-S-22, entitled "Compliance with Jonathan's Law".

Recommendation No. 1 – Using NIMRS to Track Actions Taken

Incorporate the reporting of actions taken to comply with Jonathan's Law into NIMRS to allow OMH to more readily track facility efforts to meet requirements.

Response No. 1

OMH will modify NIMRS to allow for the reporting of facility actions related to Jonathan's Law. This addition to NIMRS will be part of larger system rewrite that is currently underway with an expected completion set for 2022.

Recommendation No. 2 – Guidance Associated with Jonathan's Law.

Provide updated guidance to facilities on their responsibilities related to Jonathan's Law requirements – clear and consistent implementation procedures – and require facilities to implement them.

Response No. 2

OMH agrees with this recommendation and will review and update all guidance as it pertains to Jonathan's Law, and re-distribute to programs as appropriate.