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Mr. Kenrick Sifontes, Audit Director
Office of the State Comptroller
Division of State Government Accountability
110 State Street – 11th Floor
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Re: 90 Update on OSC Report 2017-S-21

Dear Mr. Sifontes:

Regarding the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) audit report 2017-S-21 "Oversight of Contract Expenditures of Phoenix House of New York" the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), in compliance with Section 170 of the Executive Law, provides the following update on steps that have been taken to implement the audit recommendations.

It is our current plan to start field work at Phoenix House of New York (PHNY) at the end of May or in early June. To facilitate our review, we have started to accumulate necessary background information, have been in contact with PHNY and arranged for required documents to be stored at a provider location that is more convenient for our staff to access. Our on-site review was slightly delayed due to prior commitments and a desire to assign more experienced staff to manage this review.

OASAS remains committed to following up on all OSC recommendations and to obtaining restitution for all non-allowable expenses claimed by Phoenix House of New York.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Shrager".

Steven J. Shrager
Director, Office of Audit Services

cc: Robert Kent
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