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## A Message from CBHA Leadership on the Derek Chauvin Guilty Verdict

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Dear Behavioral Health Colleagues,

Since the murder of George Floyd last summer, the reality for many in this country has been brought to the forefront of conversations about discrimination and race relations across the world. We have a problem in America. There is no question that we are still experiencing a racial pandemic and have been since inception. This racial pandemic was highlighted and brought to the attention of many by high-profile murders of black individuals by the police, including George Floyd, which called upon Americans collectively to pay attention to the acts of violence inflicted upon BIPOC communities.



Today, an act of justice was performed. After ten hours of deliberation, the jury found Derek Chauvin guilty of all counts, including second-and third-degree murder, as well as second-degree manslaughter. While we are heartened by the verdict, we must not forget that racism is real, and the struggle is not over. As you reflect in this moment, you might remember the events just one year ago that led us here. The inhumane treatment of George Floyd led to the loss of his life, which has had a rippling effect on his family, community, and the nation. Even amid this moment of hope, we recognize that we are all human and have reactions to what we have experienced over this past year. We encourage you to utilize these resources to process the many emotions you may be experiencing. Most of all, please know that CBHA is here for you and stands beside you as we continue to fight for race and social equity.

In Service,



Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

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