

A Message From...

KELLY BARTON, Maine Behavioral Healthcare President



Dear MBH Care Team Members,

It is with great sadness that I write to share the news that Sabrina Stewart, a residential care worker at our Pleasant Street facility in Rockland, passed away on Friday, March 25. Sabrina was recently diagnosed with lung cancer and was at Pen Bay Medical Center in Rockport at the time of her death.

Of all of the information Sabrina's family shared with Lee D'Attilio, Senior Director of Intensive Services, I think the story of how Sabrina's family doubled in size in just a few short years speaks to her commitment to helping those in need.

Sabrina's family began with two daughters, Charity and Tiffany. The younger, Tiffany, shared with Lee that her mother had "a huge heart" and a strong desire to help those who are less fortunate. Tiffany said this became clear to her at the age of 5, when a newborn had been left at their house overnight -- without DHHS involvement. Sabrina responded to the situation by informing Charity and Tiffany that they were going to have a new baby sister, Makayla.

Later, Sabrina and her husband, a mid-coast fisherman, were approached by DHHS to see if they would be foster parents to Makayla's two younger siblings. Sabrina and her husband eventually adopted all three children.

Prior to raising a family of five, Sabrina had worked for two different agencies that provide services for children. When her children were grown, she joined MBH in 2018. In the later months of her time with us, Sabrina also cared for her oldest daughter, Charity, who suffered a stroke in the summer of 2021.

At this difficult time, I want to thank Lee for communicating with Sabrina's surviving family members on behalf of MBH and for making sure that Sabrina's fellow care team members are being supported as they cope with the loss of their colleague.

In lieu of flowers, Sabrina's family has asked that Maine Behavioral Healthcare make a contribution to the MBH Fund in her honor. If you wish to express condolences or share a remembrance, [please visit the Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home website](#).

Thank you for joining me in acknowledging Sabrina's passing and her lifelong commitment to helping others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly J. Barton".

Kelly Barton, MPH, FACHE
President
Maine Behavioral Healthcare