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New Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties agency to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

(Salem, Ore.) – On October 1, 2020, Community Living Case Management (CLCM) will replace Mid-Columbia Center for Living as the state-contracted Community Developmental Disabilities Program (CDDP) for Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties.

Mid-Columbia Center for Living terminated its contract with the state so a new CDDP was needed. CDDPs provide case management, determine eligibility for services, license foster homes for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and conduct abuse investigations.

When a CDDP terminates its contract with the state, the state Office of Developmental Disabilities Services identifies potential replacements and contracts with the chosen replacement. After a careful review of the responses submitted, it was determined that CLCM most closely met what is needed.

<u>CLCM</u> has many years of experience and operates CDDPs in Douglas, Coos, Curry and Josephine Counties. CLCM's new office will be located at 207 West 3rd Street, The Dalles, OR 97058. Phone number: 541-716-0135.

From CLCM Executive Director Pat Allen-Sleeman: "Our team at CLCM is looking forward to working with the I/DD community in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties. Our experience in setting up new CDDPs in other counties will aid in a smooth transition from Mid-Columbia Center for Living to CLCM for the individuals and families in the community. We are excited for this opportunity."

Persons who receive services through Mid-Columbia's developmental disabilities program are being notified of the change, as are local providers.

"This change does not change direct services for anyone" said Lilia Teninty, director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services. Any I/DD provider a person uses will not change because of the new CDDP. The personal support worker, residential provider, employment provider, etc., will continue to provide services.

Any person currently served by Mid-Columbia Center for Living who is 18 years of age or older and receives services in their home may elect to switch their case management services to Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage.

"Our team at ODDS is committed to a smooth transition for the individuals who will soon work with CLCM as their CDDP," Teninty said.

About ODDS: The Oregon Department of Human Services' Office of Developmental Disabilities Services provides leadership to support persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live as full participants in their communities. Oregon is recognized nationally as an innovative leader in developing community-based services for individuals with I/DD. Oregon's system has the benefit of a strong advocacy community, one that has a long history and firm commitment to supporting people with I/DD to live as independently as possible in their communities.

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