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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

It is with mixed emotions I am announcing that Marilee Bell will be leaving the ODDS team to enjoy her family and many hobbies and passions in retirement.

It is hard to describe all that she means to her co-workers at ODDS and to everyone in the I/DD field in Oregon and beyond.

To me, Marilee represents the heart and soul of the work we all do. Her passion, her steadfast dedication to person-centered practices, her genuine concern for people, all people – whether they are someone receiving services, her colleagues, or stakeholders – has been an inspiration to me and many others. Marilee has dedicated her career, but more so, her life, to supporting those around her and specifically those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Marilee's most recent work has focused on supporting Services Coordinators and Personal Agents through organizing the annual case management conference, leading stakeholder efforts to develop one Individual Support Plan (ISP), ensuring training and technical assistance is available to case management entities on the ISP and on person-centered thinking practices. Most importantly, she spends countless hours answering questions and providing technical assistance to case managers across the state.

Marilee is leading work on the ISP process redesign to strengthen our commitment to supporting people with I/DD in the most holistic and person-centered manner, and to embed the LifeCourse framework in how we approach service planning.

This only reflects her work today. I know the body of work she has dedicated herself to over the course of her career would fill volumes and is impossible to list in one message.

I see that her greatest contribution to the work of ODDS is the way she brings to the forefront of every discussion and every decision the reason we are here – for the people and families we serve.

Marilee will be with us through the end of July. We would like to wish all the very best to Marilee and many happy years enjoying her family, friends and adventures. The tireless person that she is, we know she will find new ways to make a difference in the lives of those around her and bless many more with her kindness, sincerity, and generosity.

Thank you, Marilee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lilia".

Lilia Teninty
Director
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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