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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

This week, Disability Rights Oregon and the Oregon Department of Human Services requested a six-month stay of DRO's lawsuit against DHS and ODDS. The judge approved the request. This means the lawsuit is on hold while ODDS continues its work with stakeholders and DRO to develop and implement an improved assessment and service planning process.

The court document notes that the parties have been working cooperatively to come up with a solution to the issues identified by DRO in its complaint.

Moving to a more reliable assessment tool and improving the planning process have been a long-term project for ODDS. In 2015, we began working with Mission Analytics Group to develop the Oregon Needs Assessment. This new assessment tool will be used to assess need, regardless of the setting that the person is or will be living in (group home, foster care, own home, etc.).

As part of that effort, we engaged in a pilot with nearly 500 individuals volunteering to participate in an assessment with the ONA. The pilot testing wrapped up on April 6 and now we're running focus groups and gathering feedback about the assessment process from those that participated. Mission Analytics is analyzing data from the pilot to help finalize the tool.

ODDS has given DRO access to the consultants working on the revised assessment tool and service levels, and several productive question and answer sessions have been held.

We will continue to work with the Vision Advisory Committee and DRO to develop an individual planning process that includes an assessment and stays true to our vision: To have a system of supports that are easy to use and responsive to

the strengths, needs and direction of the people and families who live as valued members of their community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lilia". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "L" and a trailing flourish.

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