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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

The Oregon Legislature adjourned on Sunday, June 30. This message provides a brief update on the budget and legislation for ODDS.

The Department of Human Services' [\(DHS\) legislative report](#), which includes information on bills that either directly or indirectly impact the ODDS budget, is available online. DHS Director Fariborz Pakseresht issued a message today summarizing the [overall DHS budget](#).

The 2019-21 legislatively approved budget (LAB) found in HB 5026 must now be signed by the Governor. It allocates \$174 million General Fund to ODDS. This allocation is a nearly 20 percent increase above the 2017-19 LAB and an almost 6 percent increase over 2019-21 current service levels (CSL).

Investments made in the 2019-21 LAB include:

- **Caseload forecast:** \$13.5 million General Fund (approximately \$28 million total funds) increase to reflect adjustments for caseload and spring 2019 cost-per-case changes. This includes a 7 percent increase in adult in-home services.
- **CDDPs and Brokerages:** An almost \$13 million General Fund (nearly \$23 million total funds) increase to add the equivalent of 149.55 full-time equivalent positions

- **Provider rates:** \$30 million General Fund (approximately \$92 million total funds) for provider rate increases to bring direct support professionals' wages as close as possible to \$15 per hour by the end of the 2019-21 biennium.
 - Early in the biennium, a portion of this funding will go to implement new rate models for Children's Residential Services (group homes).
 - In the first year of the biennium, the expectation is there will be a 4 percent increase in provider rates (available August 1, 2019). This rate increase will go to: Adult 24-Hour Residential Services; Attendant Care; Day Support Activities, Community and Facility; Employment Path, Community and Facility; Small Group Employment and Supported Living.
 - In the second year of the biennium, the remainder of the available funds will go toward the new rate models for these services: 24-Hour Residential Services for adults; Attendant Care; Day Support Activities, Community and Facility; Employment Path; Small Group Employment and Non-medical Transportation.
- **Children's Services:** \$325,000 General Fund (about \$649,000 total funds) for three full-time DHS positions to provide case management services to children with intensive support needs as a part of the updated workload model.
- **Host Homes for Children with I/DD (formerly known as Enhanced Foster Care):** Nearly \$5 million General Fund (about \$15 million total funds) as a part of the behavioral health funding plan and Children and Youth with Specialized Needs workgroup (SB 1). This is for enhanced I/DD foster care services to about 140 youth, increased capacity of 12 additional beds within the Children's Residential Services, and one DHS position (0.88 FTE).

Reductions in the 2019-21 LAB include:

- **Job Coaching:** \$2 million General Fund (\$4 million total funds) reduction to reflect adjusted job coaching hours based on CMS methodology.

- **Community Housing maintenance:** Approximately \$320,000 (10 percent) General Fund reduction as an adjustment to reflect the completion of bond obligations. ODDS had built or remodeled homes for providers to help relocate individuals from Fairview Training Center into the community. The bonds that financed that program are paid off by the homeowners who then own the homes. While the bonds are in effect, ODDS is required to fund all maintenance and upkeep of the homes.
- **eXPRS:** \$3 million General Fund reduction based on expected enhanced federal match.

Fairview Housing Trust: With the passage of Senate Bill 491, the funds in the Developmental Disabilities Community Housing Trust Account for community housing for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, commonly known as the Fairview Trust, will be transferred to the Oregon Community Foundation. This was an important bill for the I/DD community to ensure that these funds will be available to support housing options for people with I/DD.

The 2019 legislative session covered many budget and policy topics important to the I/DD system. We were fortunate to benefit from the strong economy. Thank you all for your advocacy and support of Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lilia".

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