



Date: September 29, 2017

To: Regional Program Managers Treven, Alice, Jane, Lori and Kim,
and Staff

CC: CDDPs, Brokerages and ODDS All Staff

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

Today is the last day for the I/DD regional programs since they were not funded in the 2017–2019 Legislatively Adopted Budget. The work you and your teams have carried out over the last 17 years was important and I want to acknowledge you.

Regions developed new providers, conducted training and provided other vital crisis-related supports. Your training to providers and case managers, as well as with family members, was an asset to those we support.

Providing resources to people in need of new residential placements as well as working with providers around technical assistance has also been an important service.

Even as the budget eliminated the regional programs, your staff took on the unenviable task of helping plan a future without your programs. You worked with us and the rest of the I/DD system to figure out how to continue the crucial, crisis-focused work the regions had provided.

Thank you for your work and enduring commitment to those we support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
Director
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services