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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

My July 12 update on the Legislatively Approved Budget noted the elimination of funding for the five regional programs. While funding was provided by the state, regional services were designed by Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDPs) to meet local needs. Services generally ranged from provider training and capacity building to crisis placement.

We knew elimination of the regional programs was a possibility because it was included in the Governor's Recommended Budget. To be ready, over the past six months we explored options with CDDPs, Brokerages and region managers in case the Legislature did eliminate the program.

The regions have been supporting the needs of CDDPs and Brokerages for more than 15 years. Looking at how to pull apart those services and determine what is crucial to continue was not an easy task.

Thank you to everyone who took on this difficult work. This includes the region staff, who had the unenviable task of helping plan a future without their programs.

Working with CDDPs and Brokerages, we identified that a key way regions supported providers and case managers was in identifying open residential placements.

ODDS has worked closely with the region managers to map out a plan for supporting children and adults who may require a new residential setting on an urgent timeline.

Providing a way that case managers and providers can meet an urgent residential setting need is a key part of the new plan.

Key to success of the new plan is for each CDDP and Brokerage to have a Designated Referral Contact within the office. Information about appointing that contact, expectations, etc., has been shared via an Action Request transmittal APD-AR-17-042 on July 21, 2017.

In August, ODDS will begin a 'soft roll out' in three regional areas in Oregon while collaborating closely with the existing regions, CDDPs and Brokerages. As part of this soft roll out, ODDS will adjust as necessary while learning what works and what needs improvement.

One of the biggest efforts will be creation of a database that includes all provider settings. Using this database, case managers will have the ability to find providers with available rooms. This project will take collaboration and development of system work so it will take time to fully implement.

Please anticipate more communication coming in the next several months while we improve and adjust our processes. And again, my heartfelt thanks to the staff and partners, including those in the regions, who worked to identify what was essential and develop a plan to ensure we are meeting the needs of the individuals we support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a trailing flourish.

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