

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Hello Everyone:

As we've discussed in several meetings, the Oregon Legislature directed the Department of Human Services (DHS) to identify options to ensure the long-term sustainability of the critical Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) and Developmental Disabilities (DD) programs. A budget note included in HB 5026 defined sustainability for these options as 10 percent growth per biennium. We have attached the final report from the Lewin Group compiled in response to this budget note.

DHS wanted the options presented to be independent and unbiased so we released an RFP to contract with a consulting group to analyze our data and make recommendations for Legislative consideration. The Lewin Group won the bid to do this work. DHS required Lewin to gather stakeholder input in order to assess and understand implications of the recommendations for those served by DD and APD. It was DHS' intent that stakeholder input not change or alter the independent recommendations. After technical difficulties with the first stakeholder meeting, a survey was sent out to collect feedback. Lewin also held a second in-person stakeholder meeting that included call-in participants as well.

It is important to stress that DHS will not move forward on any recommendations without the involvement of stakeholders, the Governor's Office and the direction of the Legislature. We are looking to the Lewin report as a starting point for a series of formal, public discussions with Legislators, APD and DD stakeholders and the Governor's Office. In those meetings, we will consider the Lewin recommendations and others that may be generated by stakeholders, DHS and Legislators as part of this process. This series of discussions is expected to result in final recommendations that will come back to the Legislature for consideration

in the 2017 session. We will act on direction from the Legislature if provided in this session as well.

Again DHS will not take any action without the direction from the legislature, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Governor's Office, Legislators, people served by our respective systems, providers and other stakeholders in the weeks and months ahead.

Representatives of the Lewin Group will be here to testify to the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee next Wednesday, February 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about the report and please share this with others you/your organization represents.

Sincerely,

Lilia

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Director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Transmittals for the weeks of February 5 and 8, 2016

AR Expectations of providers of SE 50/51/142 to report absences

AR Foster Compliance Reviews

PT HCBS Rules

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