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To: ODDS Stakeholders and Providers

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

I recently shared with ODDS staff changes in the reporting structure within ODDS. These changes were initiated as part of an overall effort to identify how ODDS can better support our partners, providers and individuals. Some of the work our organizations do together will happen now through different managers.

Please note that these changes do not affect how individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families get information about services. The person's Services Coordinator or Personal Agent who the individual/family chose for services continues to be their contact.

- Medicaid policy and the policy team will now be aligned in one area of the organization. Anna Lansky will continue to manage this work, including the policy staff that moved over from Chelas Kronenberg's unit in April. All policy questions from case management entities and providers should continue to be directed to the subject matter experts that now report to Anna.
- We will now have a unit dedicated to case management support services. That unit will be managed by Chelas Kronenberg. The field support team remain with Chelas. The eligibility specialists and Assessment Unit will move into this area on August 1. All questions and issues from case management entities and providers about situations for specific individuals should continue to be directed to staff assigned to either the CME or by topic.

- The Employment First team will continue that important work, while also managing special projects as they arise. Acacia McGuire-Anderson will continue to supervise this team.
- We are working to develop a formal Training Unit. This will be a new unit for ODDS and will be critical to ensure we are investing resources in 'up front' training when we issue new policies and policy changes. We have no specific date for beginning this unit.

Over the past four months we have learned to quickly adapt and adjust to changes in our work environment. I am proud of the work we are doing throughout the I/DD system to support people with I/DD, their families and providers while also adjusting to keep ourselves and our families safe.

As always, thank you for the great work you do every day to empower Oregonians with I/DD to live full lives in their communities.

Sincerely,

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

Lilia Teninty
Director
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