

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Case Management Conference: A time for learning, connecting

Attached is this week's ODDS status report

This year's Case Management Conference was a great success. About 550 people attended including speakers, vendors, Services Coordinators and Personal Agents, staff from the office of Developmental Disabilities Services attended.

“Oregon’s Conference for Services Coordinators and Personal Agents: Serving Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities” was held at the Oregon State University Conference Center in Corvallis. The two-day event featured more than 50 sessions on a range of topics including Employment Service Overview, Navigating Community Transportation, Professional Resilience and Sharing Best Practices.

The conference was an opportunity to network, clarify understanding on changing practices, share best practices and to recharge our passion for the work we do.

Speakers included Pete Moore from the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities. He had people laughing and weeping as he talked about, “Escaping ‘DD’ Land.”

Robin Rose, a professional trainer and consultant, reminded us how to take care of ourselves – which is sometimes difficult for people like Service Coordinators and Personal Agents who spend their time caring for others.

I also gave a talk about “A Future Vision” for the Office of Developmental Disabilities. I talked about what we have heard from our stakeholders. They want and – it is our goal – to deliver a system of supports that is simple to use, and responsive to the strengths, needs and direction of the people and families we serve. We want to do this so that people live as valued members of our communities.

I think the conference helped to rebuild a sense of community and hopefully a spirit of collaboration.

Some of the comments from attendees included:

"I appreciate the views and insight from nationally recognized systems.

"Solid information on a wide range of topics."

"Thank you for another opportunity to connect with others throughout the state."

Now it's my turn to thank everyone who attended and participated in this year's conference. Thank you for giving your time to learn new things, meet new people and reconnect with others. I enjoyed talking and meeting with everyone, and am already looking forward to next year's event.

Staff will review all of your evaluations, take into consideration your recommendations and will soon begin planning for next year. Hope to see you there.

You can see a photo slideshow from the conference at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/dhsoregon/albums/72157657596194729>.

Home and Community-Based Services Forums coming to Pendleton and Ontario

The next Home and Community-Based Services Forums are planned for:

- Pendleton: Thursday, Sept. 10, Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton
- Ontario: Monday, Sept. 14, Four Rivers Cultural Center, Malheur River Room, 676 S.W. Fifth Ave., Ontario

Agency staff will provide information on upcoming changes to setting and service requirements for HCBS providers. These changes will impact providers of Aging and People with Disabilities, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services and the Oregon Health Systems Division, formerly the Addictions and Mental Health program.

Here is information about the agenda and times for all the upcoming HCBS Community Forums: [Home and Community-Based Services Home and Community-Based Services](#). For further help contact: hcbs.oregon@state.or.us.

Community Forums coming to La Grande

The next Community Forum is planned for La Grande – September 16 and 17 at The Center for Human Development, 2301 Cove Avenue, La Grande.

For people who receive services and their families: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

For CDDPs, Brokerages and Providers: Thursday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. – noon.

We will discuss the vision for the future of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There will be a short presentation followed by a group discussion.

Here is information about all of the [Community Forums](#).

If you need more information, contact Cindy Steinkamp, Executive Support Specialist, cindy.l.steinkamp@state.or.us; 503-945-9780.

Thank you for all of your hard work,

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