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TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

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Subject: SB 20, Developmental Disabilities Case Management

INTRODUCTION

Senate Bill 20 was introduced by Governor Brown, on behalf of the Department of Human Services, in order to align the structure of the Developmental Disabilities Case Management system to better serve the needs of our clients.

Background

The design of ODDS' current case management structure came about as the result of a rich history of philosophical and regulatory shifts in how services are provided to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Oregon. The resulting system is one that was not designed intentionally nor is it simple for individuals served, families and others to understand. That current structure is reflected in statutory language.

Efforts to implement a system that fully aligns with the vision and values of the DD service system, is truly person-centered and supports equity to ODDS services are hindered by this limitation. Under existing statute, Community Developmental Disabilities Programs (CDDPs) can deliver case management services to any adult or child who is eligible in any service setting. While Support Service Brokerages are limited to delivering services to adults receiving in-home services. Brokerages are statutorily refrained from delivering services to children.

The intent with this bill is to honor the important roles in supporting people with I/DD held by CDDPs and Brokerages, while creating the ability to adjust and improve the overall structure of case management through changes to OARs. This concept also aligns with Strategic Goal One in ODDS' Strategic Plan to Create a system that is sustainable, easy to use, with effective communication and equitable access.

What This Bill Does

Senate Bill 20 gives the DHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services the ability to continue efforts with people served, partners and stakeholders to design and implement a structure for case management that best suits the needs of the people it serves through Oregon Administrative Rule.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this legislative concept is to provide ODDS with needed flexibility to work with people served, partners and stakeholders to reflect improvements and a vision for the case management system defined by OARs. It will provide individuals served with strong case management and move towards a system design that is clear, easy to use, and delivers high quality of service.

We understand that while partners and stakeholders agree that changes to the case management system need to be made, they have concerns about the changes that may result. ODDS is glad to work with The Legislature and stakeholders to address concerns that have been raised about language in this bill specific to the definition of self-determination, the relationship between CDDPs and Community Mental Health Programs, current statutory language about the structure of Brokerage Boards of Directors and any other issues.