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CLYDE LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER (CLEC) PRIVATIZES JULY 1, 2017

CLEC joins Sandco Industries, Rob Lytle Meaningful Activity and Caring Center in privatization to comply with March 2014 Federal Mandate

Fremont, Ohio June 29, 2017. In compliance with the federal mandate of March 2014, the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities (SCBDD) announced that the Clyde Life Enrichment Center (CLEC), a former day habilitation center serving adults with disabilities who have begun their retirement journey, privatized effective July 1, 2017. CLEC joins Sandco Industries and the Meaningful Activity and Caring Center (MACC), both of which privatized in 2016, in transitioning from the SCBDD as a direct service provider in compliance with the federal mandate from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services, or CMS.

The federal mandate called for “conflict-free case management” and affected all County Boards in Ohio. The CMS mandate does not allow county boards to provide services, monitor those services, and also receive funding for the services, citing potential conflict of interest.

CLEC is a small, day program formally operated by the SCBDD located in downtown Clyde, Ohio. Now privatized, CLEC continues to serve adults with disabilities who have begun their journey into retirement. Individuals are provided the opportunity to participate in variety of activities ranging from memory enhancement, health education, volunteering, art, a variety of craft and cooking activities, music appreciation, and more.

The SCBDD would like to thank all staff from Sandco, MACC, and CLEC who were affected by this transition for their many years of dedication and support of the individuals we serve in Sandusky County.

“We were so blessed to have served with such amazing people over the years, you couldn’t ask for a finer group of professionals to lead enrichment programming at the Clyde Life Enrichment Center. These were coworkers and friends and they will be greatly missed,” said Sarah Zimmerman, SCBDD Superintendent.

“We have had a thoughtful and transparent plan in place over the past two years that meets the need of individuals and their families to make this transition to privatization as safe and comfortable as possible,” said Mrs. Zimmerman. *“I am very grateful for the support of our Board of Directors and SCBDD staff who worked very hard to ensure services and supports were not interrupted or negatively impacted by this transition.”*

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