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**Dot Libman of West Orange Appointed to State Advisory Council**

CHATHAM – Dot Libman of West Orange has been appointed by Governor Christie to the N.J. Department of Human Services’ Medical Assistance Advisory Council.

Libman was named to the Council to offer a viewpoint and input as the director of ECLC of New Jersey’s P.R.I.D.E. program for adults with special needs, including autism, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities.

The Council is required by the federal government under the Social Security Act as one of the conditions for state’s participation in Medicaid. The Council meets on a quarterly basis and offers advice to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services Director Valerie Harr regarding health and medical services for 1.3 million low-income/disabled residents who are served by the state- and federally funded Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs.

**About ECLC of New Jersey**

ECLC of New Jersey offers a network of lifelong services – education, enrichment and employment – to nearly 700 children and adults with special needs across the state. P.R.I.D.E. was started in 2008 for graduates of ECLC’s schools who were not ready for employment. It is a day/evening program with centers in Florham Park and Paramus. Eligible clients qualify for funding through the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (NJDHS/DDD). All graduates from ECLC’s schools in Chatham and Ho-Ho-Kus are guaranteed a spot in P.R.I.D.E. Learn more about ECLC at [www.eclcofnj.org](http://www.eclcofnj.org).

ECLC is a member of the Alliance of Private Special Education Schools of North Jersey, a coalition of more than 30 state-approved private special education schools in Northern and Central New Jersey dedicated to helping parents and educators better understand and access appropriate program options in special education. Learn more about the Alliance at <http://specialeducationalliancenj.org>.