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THE INSTITUTES OF APPLIED HUMAN DYNAMICS ACHIEVES CQL PERSON-CENTERED EXCELLENCE ACCREDITATION

Tarrytown, New York – The Institutes of Applied Human Dynamics (IAHD) is excited to share that it has achieved Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation from CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership. This internationally recognized designation validates that IAHD is committed to person-centered practices that promote the attainment of individually defined outcomes by people with disabilities. Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation is awarded to agencies that meet CQL’s rigorous standards, deeply integrate CQL tools and approaches, and establish a quality management system to drive data-based decision-making.

“Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation is not easy to achieve and IAHD should take great pride in this notable accomplishment,” says Mary Kay Rizzolo, president, and chief executive officer of CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership. “They’re focused on what really matters to the people they support and are successfully designing their services so that people can realize their goals and dreams.”

“In the last 65 years, IAHD has helped thousands of families find care and compassion for their loved ones. As we continue our journey toward helping people live life on their terms, receiving The Person-Centered Excellence (PCE) Accreditation from the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) solidifies our commitment to the people we support,” says Omayra Andino, CEO of IAHD

Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation is a four-year accreditation term for human service providers that transform person-centered philosophies into everyday practices and utilize data to assess the effectiveness of the supports that people receive. It encompasses the validation of a Basic Assurances® Self-Assessment, implementation of the Personal Outcome Measures®, alignment with Shared Values, along with various planning meetings, review visits, focus groups, and consultation with CQL staff members. The accreditation visit culminates in a stakeholder event that can include agency leadership, people supported, families, employees, community members, and more, who collaborate on a What Really Matters plan for developing and tracking organizational goals.

“Congratulations to everyone from IAHD for achieving Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation,” adds Katherine Dunbar, vice president of accreditation of CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership. “We’re honored to work with them and look forward to this partnership growing in the years to come.”

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About The Institutes of Applied Human Dynamics (IAHD)

The Institutes of Applied Human Dynamics (IAHD) was created in 1957 in response to a group of parents seeking support and assistance for their children with special needs. At that time, programs for individuals with developmental disabilities were few, and families were in crisis. IAHD’s founder, Dr. Jack Gootzeit, had started a small program in the Bronx. Tireless advocacy and the adaptation of programs and services to meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities helped IAHD expand its broad network of support and develop into the organization it is today.

IAHD is committed to positively impacting the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families. Our focus is to understand and respect each person’s unique strengths, qualities and dreams finding ways to support building fulfilled lives.

About CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership

Since 1969, CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership has been a leader in working with human service organizations and systems to continuously define, measure, and improve quality of life and quality of services for youth, adults, and older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and psychiatric disabilities. CQL offers accreditation, training, certification, research, and consultation services to agencies that share our vision of dignity, opportunity, and community for all people.