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Hello Region X Grant Recipient,

There have been some changes in the Regional Office Management Structure. Recently the Office of Head start announced they were establishing a Regional Program Director position in every Region.

The OHS just like recipients is committed to building and sustaining a strong and representative workforce that delivers high-quality customer service experiences, effective program administration, and one that is fully equipped to support the needs of all children and families served. As part of that commitment, the OHS is strengthening their leadership structure in all regional offices to better meet our mission. This new role will strengthen both the strategic planning and oversight of each region, as we aim to strengthen systems and increase the quality of customer service support provided to our recipients. The OHS believes that the introduction of a Regional Program Director in every region will better position OHS to excel in our mission to serve children and families and provide our team members with the support they deserve. Introducing this new role also aligns with our commitment to foster career growth opportunities within OHS and bolster our workforce. I have been lucky enough to be appointed the new Head Start Regional Director and am excited to continue to work with Head Start Programs as well as State and Local Governments in the Region.

As I transition into the new role of the Regional Program Director, I am very excited to announce that the new Regional Program Manager for Region X will be Melanie Krevitz.

Melanie has worked with Region X Early Head Start and Head Start programs for 25 years, serving in a range of roles, from Teacher & Home Visitor to Coach, Program Manager and TTA provider. She has been part of the Region 10 Regional Office since 2020 and has acted as our Supervisory Program Specialist since February of 2022. Melanie holds a bachelor's degree in Child, Consumer, and Family Studies from WSU and is happiest when practicing Spanish—in a preschool classroom or in travel mode—and when enjoying family time in Eastern Washington.

Please join me in welcoming her into this role.

As the new program year begins, we thank you for the energy and commitment you bring to your work each day. Our goal is to continue to support your program in any way that we can.

Thanks,

Rob

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