
Waiver Director's Report July 2020

1. **Autism/Behavioral Health:** 1321 individuals are currently enrolled in the Applied Behavioral Health Autism Benefit. Providers that are willing and able to utilize telehealth have done so successfully and some providers are beginning to provide face-to-face services. Due to COVID, the current MDHHS Autism diagnostic assessment requirements have been temporarily adjusted to allow for the use of assessments that can be observed for results. Providers have begun utilizing the new requirements resulting in an increase of enrollment by 21 individuals. The LRE, Beacon, CMHSP's and contracted ABA providers are meeting regularly to provide services in compliance with MDHHS' recommendations.
2. **Child's Waiver Program (CWP):** The LRE began oversight of this program in October 2019. The LRE has since begun CWP workgroups with the CMHSP's in the region to ensure consistent quality and messaging throughout the region. There are currently 90 individuals enrolled in this waiver. The LRE is forming a clinical review team to review Prior Review Authorization Requests (PRAR's). This team will be responsible for the review and recommendation for approval of requests for Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, and Fencing for Children enrolled in the Children's Waiver Program. The LRE is currently in discussion with MDHHS to receive recommendations on the structuring of this group. Individuals typically remain in this program until they age off at 18 years old and then enroll into the Habilitation Supports Waiver.
3. **Habilitation Supports Waiver:** The LRE has 629 HSW waiver slots that remain full. The LRE and CMHSP HSW leads meet regularly to maintain these slots and identify appropriate individuals.
4. **Home and Community-Based Services:** The LRE and MSU HCBS site review process has resumed in virtual format. The MSU reviewers have updated their process due to COVID which will require them to re-contact providers in the region that believed their reviews were complete. MI-DDI released the next round of surveys on July 6th, the surveys are due on August 14th. The identified providers and consumers to be surveyed were provided to the CMHSP's. All provider's in out of compliance status for HCBS were being reviewed by the LRE. These reviews should be completed by the end of this month and those providers with outstanding issues are being contacted by the LRE HCBS staff to be remediated.
5. **Serious Emotional Disturbance:** The LRE began oversight of this program in October 2019. The LRE has since begun SED workgroups with the CMHSP's to ensure consistent quality and messaging throughout the region. There are 69 individuals enrolled in this waiver. Individuals continue to be enrolled and dis-enrolled as appropriate.