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## **Waiver Director's Report September 2020**

### **1. Autism/Behavioral Health:**

There are currently 1327 individuals enrolled in the Applied Behavioral Health Autism Benefit. Most ABA providers have resumed services while taking precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible. Virtual services are still utilized as appropriate and families are being provided choice in how they wish to receive services. The LRE, Beacon, CMHSP's and contracted ABA providers continue to meet regularly to provide services in compliance with MDHHS' service requirements.

### **2. Child's Waiver Program:**

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 44 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.

### **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 for enrollment.

### **4. Home and Community-Based Services:**

The LRE and MSU HCBS out of compliance and heightened scrutiny reviews are actively occurring in virtual format. The LRE is scheduled to completed HCBS out of compliance reviews by September 30, 2020.

On July 6<sup>th</sup> MI-DDI released another round of HCBS surveys to providers that had not responded to previous surveys, have only HCBS provisional approval, and to those that had errors on previous surveys. The surveys were due on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The LRE notified providers that were identified to receive a survey and worked with them to complete the surveys. The results of these surveys will be released after the data is cleaned. The LRE will then work with those providers found to be in out of compliance status to help bring them into compliance if they desire.

### **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 32 individuals enrolled in this waiver. Individuals continue to be enrolled and dis-enrolled as appropriate.

### **6. Upcoming MDHS Waiver Audit:**

MDHHS has provided notice that they will be conducting the FY2021 waiver audit from October 19<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The sampling and required indicators have been dispersed to the CMHSP leads. The LRE, Beacon, and the CMHSP's will continue to work together to compile and submit the requested documents to MDHHS.