
Waiver Director's Report July 2020

1. Autism/Behavioral Health:

There are currently 1314 individuals enrolled in the Applied Behavioral Health Autism Benefit. Providers that were willing and able to utilize telehealth have done so successfully. Most ABA providers have started to provide face to face services again and have given families the option to return to face to face services when they are comfortable to do so.

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 and they are beginning to be utilized. 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 35 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 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. These reviews should be complete by September 30, 2020.

On July 6th 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 14th, 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. Providers who do not complete the surveys to evidence HCBS compliance may put their ability to receive Medicaid funds in jeopardy.

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 46 individuals enrolled in this waiver. Individuals continue to be enrolled and dis-enrolled as appropriate.

6. Upcoming Training Opportunities:

The CMHSP's have struggled to meet compliance standards pertaining to measurable goals and objectives. In response, the LRE has contracted with Community Living Services to provide 4 virtual trainings to regional providers on SMART goal writing and the golden thread. Each training has capacity for 100 individuals. Detroit Wayne PIHP recently contracted for this training and they reported very positive feedback. The trainings are scheduled to occur on August 26th and 31st as well as September 2nd and 3rd, flier and registration are attached.