

**Carbon-Monroe-Pike MH/DS
Developmental Services Status Report
October 2017**

2017 Graduate P/FDS Initiative:

C-M-P received 15 P/FDS Graduate Initiative slots as part of the approved budget and waiting list initiative. We also received two slots for graduates that are on the Autism Interest list because they expressed interest in the Autism waivers. Currently there are two individuals enrolled in the 2017 Graduate P/FDS Initiative and four individuals awaiting notification from the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Counties and Support Coordinators Get Ready to Implement Renewed Waivers

Implementation of the renewed waivers with expanded eligibility and new services requires counties and support coordination agencies to re-engineer their practices.

ODP is hosting a series of training webinars for counties and support coordination agencies to help them learn about the waivers and the changes required. Support coordination agencies have been attending weekly Friday afternoon webinars called “Orchestrating Success” covering each of the new services, Autism, Participant Directed Supports, and Supporting Families. These webinars began in July and are scheduled to continue at least through the end of September. County webinars are held approximately every two weeks and cover a variety of topics including new services and definitions, and the new eligibility standards for the waiver.

A new ODP webinar series for families and individuals connects the *Everyday Lives* visions, values, and recommendations from ODP’s Information Sharing and Advisory Committee with the exciting changes included in the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support (PFDS) waiver renewals.

First Hamburg Center Resident Moves to a New House

On July 10, Francis Davis moved out of Hamburg Center and into a house in the country where he can garden and enjoy nature with his new best friend. “I like it very much here,” Francis said in a telephone interview. He’s 82 years old and had lived at Hamburg since the 1980s.

Francis and his housemate seem like lifelong friends, even though they only met a few months ago, said Heidi Zacharias, operations director for ReDCo Group, Francis’ new community agency. “I don’t think in my 12 years here I’ve ever seen a better match.”

The men are very close in age and both love the same music, the outdoors, fishing, gardening, and attending church, she said. Francis and his future housemate met each week. On the weeks Francis didn’t visit the new house, his housemate visited Francis for lunch at the Hamburg Center to build their friendship.

Francis is living with a C-M-P consumer and we are very pleased that ReDCo is supporting this initiative. In addition to Francis, ReDCo is helping a C-M-P consumer currently at Hamburg to move into a community home.

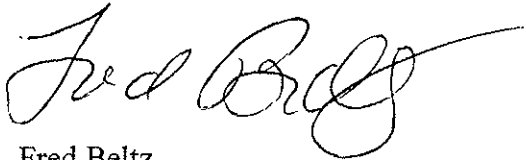
Developmental Services:

The DS Department recently completed its Provider Monitoring component of the Quality Assessment and Improvement (QA&I) process. On-site visits from ODP to review the Supports Coordination Organization and the Administrative Entity components are tentatively scheduled in November.

Early Intervention:

The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) approved a new Service Coordinator position for the Carbon County office; Steve Reduzzi started as of October 2, 2017. Steve was an ACM in the Carbon Office prior to accepting this position.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Beltz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Fred Beltz
Deputy DS Administrator