Early Intervention:

The Early Intervention Department received 57 referrals in the month of August. Five Early Intervention providers are participating in the Coaching Installation process. Additionally, one provider will continue with the process and become a trainer.

Developmental Services:

The Developmental Services Department received 25 referral calls in the month of August. Of the 25 referrals, 12 families chose to move forward with an intake while 13 families sought linkage to community based resources outside of the ODP system. The needs of individuals seeking assistance continue to grow in complexity. As a result, the department will be identifying a member of the Administrative Entity to serve as a complex case lead. This AE staff member will assist Support Coordination Organizations, providers, and families navigate community resources and develop plans to support individuals with even the most complex needs.

Community Participation Support continues to be provided, with providers taking extra precautions to protect the health and safety of participants as the COVID-19 community transmission rates rise. Supports Coordinators also continue to assist individuals and families locate COVID vaccination sites upon request.

A member of the department joined a Forensic Work Group organized by PACA and ODP. The purpose of this work group will be to discuss the relationship between the justice system and individuals diagnosed with Intellectual Disabilities and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder. The group will discuss topics such as how to educate and engage the justice system as well as sharing strategies that have or have not worked within county programs. Members of CMP MHDS’ Forensic Case Management Department will participate in this work group as well.

Personnel:

Monroe County continues to have one Supports Coordinator vacancy. As with many industries, locating qualified staff has become a challenge.

Respectfully Submitted,

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