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To: Developmental Disabilities Providers and other interested parties
From: Jeff Sturm, Director, Developmental Disabilities Program
Re: A Request for Letters of Interest (RFI) regarding placements from MDC

The Developmental Disabilities Program will soon be requesting proposals to establish HCBS waiver community services for up to 28 individuals currently residing at the Montana Developmental Center (MDC) and referred for community placement. All the individuals are identified on the weekly port list with corresponding estimated individual cost plans. The list is updated every Friday and sent by Karen Cech to providers.

Grants may be awarded to the successful bidder(s) to assist in the development of services for these individuals. As part of the RFI we are asking providers to provide a general description of how grant funds could be used to achieve the goal of providing community placements for the 28 individuals. A more detailed description of waiver services and a detailed budget for the grant funding will be required as part of the formal RFP.

We encourage providers to develop proposals that will meet both the requirements of the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program as well as the provisions specified in the recently released CMS rule on Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver Services. We also encourage providers to develop proposals that meet the varying needs of the referred individuals. Keeping in mind that not all the individuals referred are appropriate for placement in a group home or group work setting, proposed service settings may include group homes, supported living, day programs, supported integrated community employment, etc.

Once proposals are awarded they need to be developed and operational as soon as possible. Participation in extensive transition planning is expected. At the time the funds are awarded, the provider must be a Developmental Disability Program qualified provider.

Please send a letter of interest in the current project to my attention, to arrive in the Developmental Disabilities Program Office by 5:00 pm, on 2/27/14.