***OPRA Board of Trustees***

***Consent Agenda***

***May 20, 2015***

***NOTE: Some of the information is carried over from the prior month. Updates are in red font and underlined.***

***A. Efficiencies and Simplification Focus Area***

**1. Licensure and County Board Accreditation/National Accreditation**

The Partnership is continuing to pursue abbreviated reviews for county board accreditation and licensure. Nancy Neely and Mark Davis are coordinating this effort for the Partnership. The Partnership sent a letter to Director Martin, requesting a meeting to discuss making this effort a priority. We have not heard back from Director Martin.

**2. SSA and Program Management**

CMS has informed DODD that an end date is needed, for county boards to discontinue delivering HCBS as the boards also deliver TCM. It is expected that DODD will attempt to negotiate a 10 year timetable for county boards to be out of delivering HBCS.

**3. Behavior Support Rule**

OADSP has developed a training curriculum and training dates have been set through April. DODD will also be offering webinars. “Preview” training sessions brought to light issues that will conflict with ICF regs. Kate Haller will be the point person when there are conflicting citations and will coordinate efforts with ODH. We have received inquiries from members on the content of the training sessions, specifically around rights restrictions/access to food and the involvement of the guardians. DODD sent out a memo clarifying the use of the behavior add-on. The language is more direct than previous versions and will allow for an increased use of the add-on. DODD sponsored one day training on 3/19. Additional trainings are being scheduled.

**4. Threshold for Exempt Status**

The US DOL is expected to release a proposed rule. ANCOR will respond according to the content of that rule. As part of an ANCOR contingency, Than Johnson and Mark Davis met with the US DOL. The DOL is considering changing their regulations to increase the $455 weekly threshold for exempt status. OPRA presented data from the salary survey and members that indicated a cut in DSP wages if DOL pursued this course. US DOL representatives spoke at the ANCOR GR Committee in May, saying that the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) is expected to be out soon, over the next few months.

**5. Video Conferencing**

We are researching other options that are less expensive. Our contract with Blue Jeans expires in August of 2015. Urban computing is working on getting us set up with Go to Meeting.

**6.** **ODH and DODD Streamlining**

The governor’s proposed budget contains language that would give DODD the authority to delegate licensure reviews to ODH. The administration intends to follow this path.

***B. Workforce Sustainability and Quality Focus Area***

**1. Waiver Pilot**

There is language in the governor’s budget that DODD would request authorization from CMS to do a daily or weekly rate in the IO waiver.

***C. Compassionate and Accountable System Reform Focus Area***

**1. Health Home Project**

We are evaluating our strategy moving forward. It may be best to pursue an integrated, coordinated system of care rather than an IDD-specific health home. We continue our discussions with people interested in helping start a Center for Epidemiological Studies for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. OPRA is hosting a day-long meeting on May 29th with national experts, to discuss the relevance of such an effort/center. This session will be facilitated by Barb Edwards and interested board members should contact Mark.

**2. Adult Foster Care (Shared Living Services)**

No update.

**3. Building System Capacity for Individuals Experiencing Intense Challenges.**

No Update.

**4. Trauma Informed Care**

DODD is sponsoring several training sessions over the next few months. The first one is full. Nursing and Social work credits available. OPRA is partnering with Kim Kehl of OMHAS in an effort to get regional training and meeting notices out to our members. Kim attended the joint Policy and Program Directors meeting and presented information on MHAS’ TIC efforts. We met with the AP group which specializes in TIC training and implementation. We are discussing regional training opportunities. Kevin Aldridge and Lara Palay presented at the OPRA Spring Conference on I/DD & trauma-informed care: what science is telling us. Kim Kiehl presented TIC information at the HR Committee meeting on 5/12.

***D. Business Intelligence Tool***

We have selected a data visualization tool, data base platform and strategy for moving forward. Our goal is to have a demo for the board by August 31, 2015. The BI tool will start out narrow in scope and be for internal OPRA purposes, then in 2016 will be expanded for general membership purposes.

***E. Dropout/DSP Pilot Project***

OADSP presented to South-Western Schools earlier this month.  School officials were extremely impressed at the curriculum and the structure of the program, even mentioning that this is better than any CBI program they currently offer.  They wish to run their C3P(O) program in two years.   First year the students would earn their CIP and the second year they would earn their CAP.  They also mentioned that ODE recently introduced new requirements for graduation that apply to the Class of 2018.  One of these requirements is that students must have the ability to learn and develop specific job-related skills  that are directly connected to a job-in-demand in Ohio.  With this said, it firms up the idea that this is a perfect collaboration.  Jason is now contacting agencies to see if they are interested in being a host site for the internships.

We had another meeting with South Western City Schools this month. They will be piloting C3P(O) at Franklin Heights High School. This school has a career based intervention (CBI) class of about 40 students – all sophomores. The CBI instructor has been with the school district from many years and has a great relationship with the students and parents. Although he is planning to retire at the end of this year, South Western City Schools is going to ask him to stay on part-time just to oversee the C3P(O) program. We could not be more happy with the support they are giving OPRA to get this pilot started.

Each one of the 40 students have already completed a career assessment. Using this tool, along with teacher recommendations, we anticipate 20 will apply. An interview process will occur to reduce the size of the class to around 10-12 for the first year. Once these students finish their junior year, they will move to the CAP program during their senior year and a new group of juniors will start the CIP classes. It is anticipated that by year 2, we will have a total 20-25 students enrolled in the program.

OPRA member providers: Heinzerling, CCHS and ViaQuest have all shown extreme interest in hosting the students for their internships. Additionally, Mark Davis and Jason met with Jed Morrison, Superintendent of the Franklin County Board of DD who supports and will endorse the program.

The next step is to meet with identified teachers at Franklin Heights High School to begin the selection process and begin to prepare mentors and providers.

We also plan on pursuing a grant to pay for the student graduation stipends and off set some of the OPRA costs associated with promoting and supporting the program.

Franklin Heights High School CBI students received the application to participate in the program. As of May 13th, 15 students have applied. We are scheduling interviews now.

Delaware County Career and Technical School has expressed serious interest in incorporating C3P(O) into their Health Sciences program as a “requirement”. They wish to implement this in the 2015-16 school year. Jason will be meeting with them on May 22nd.

Janice Hall set up a meeting on May 13th for Jason to meet with Dennis Doutt who is on the Board of East Guernsey Local School District and the Vice President of Mid-East Career and Technical Center in Guernsey County. Mid-East Career and Technical Center has a new Superintendent starting in August who is looking for new opportunities to offer students. We are planning to schedule a meeting in the early fall to talk about the possibility of C3P(O) being offered at Mid-East in the 2016-17 school year.

***F. Member Relations Data***

Training topics have been identified as; Wage & Hour, Housing, Legislative & Policy, Employment & Integrated Services, and Business Development. This information is being developed into sessions for this summer and fall. In addition, training is being created to specifically meet the needs of our members based on size and location.

***G. Communication Plan***

OPRA owned website went live on May 13, 2015. This new cost effective design and member friendly tool, will enable members and staff to navigate easier. This new system will aid in the elimination of tasks for staff and abolish other programs (AdminE, SurveyMonkey, Capwiz) over the next few months at a savings. This new website enables OPRA to move closure to the implementation of the BI Tool currently under development.

***H. New Member Orientation***

In August 2015, sessions are being scheduled for 2015 OPRA members to help clarify the benefits of membership, a review of the lists serves, committees, benefits, and member discounts.

**I. Roundup, Magazine and Website Advertisements**

The OPRA Roundup Edition 11 was distributed on March 10 with a new design and advertisers. These advertisers were provided this space free of charge for donating their time to our member orientation. This also provided an opportunity to see how advertising could play a role in the design and generate non-dues revenue.

***J. Technical Assistance Projects***

OPRA will provide technical assistance to the Kentucky Association of Private Providers (KAPP), in the following areas: website development and maintenance, conference planning and implementation, member services/vendor arrangements. Urban Computing is in the process of transferring the website platform. Mark and Anita are attending the KAPP Board meeting on 5/21. Six of our vendors will be presenting member benefit options. We have not heard back from Iowa.

**K. CMS Regulations on Definition of Community, Conflict-Free Case Management, Person-Centered Planning – State’s proposed transition plan**

The state submitted the transition plan to CMS. We are reviewing the plan and will provide highlights to OPRA members. Facility-based combination of work/non-work (for settings that are determined to have institutional qualities based on an on-site evaluation) are proposed by the state to be remediated by March 2024. CMS spoke at the ANCOR conference and indicated that any request for an extension of time to come into compliance with the rule will be denied, but also indicated that states who are on a clear path to compliance will be dealt with moderately.

**L. Internship Program**

Nathaniel Cindrich is a first-year MSW student at The Ohio State University. A meeting was held with the Ohio State University field placement coordinator and discussions were held regarding additional student intern placements for the upcoming semesters. To date, OPRA has benefited immensely from the program. The level of comprehension and contribution from the current intern has been extremely valuable. A new intern will begin in the Fall 2015 semester. Christine Touvelle is a BSW student at OSU who has experience in the I/DD field. She is very interested in learning more about our field of services on a macro-level. She will be with us for both the fall and spring semesters.

**M. Provider Information and Selection Tool Pilot**

Cuyahoga and Coshocton Counties, along with OPRA members in those counties, are designing a provider information and selection tool pilot. The pilot will propose an “Angie’s List”-type tool for people to obtain useful information on providers. DODD is aware and supportive of our efforts.

We have selected Provider Search as the company to proceed with the pilot. We are in the process of contracting with Provider Search. We may request funding from The OPRA Foundation to help pay for the development and implementation of this tool. The 4 OPRA member participants, 2 county boards and 1 parent on the leadership team for the pilot agreed on draft Goals for the pilot.

**N. Events**

Watson is coordinating an Ethics Law training with Scott Warrick for early June.

The 2015 Spring Conference was a resounding success by several measures. OPRA received positive feedback regarding program content, exhibitors, and facility features. The net income was higher that prior year’s. Calls for Sponsors/Exhibitors/Advertisers and Speakers for the 2015 Fall Conference, and for Annual Awards nominations for the luncheon are already out. The keynote speaker for Day 1 is confirmed, and program content is in active development. We will reach out to each OPRA Committee for suggestions and cooperation in securing presentations for each track.