



OPRA Health Care Committee Agenda

June 10, 2021

11 – 1:30

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Guest: Aaron Graham, Reidy Medical Supply**
 - a. Reidy offers a wide variety of medical supplies and has specialized their services to cater to the DD provider community. In addition to medical supplies, they offer customized spending reporting, flexible delivery options, and live customer support.**
 - b. Reidy is in the process of becoming an OPRA partner and will offer OPRA Members a 2% quarterly rebate on everything purchased through them.**
 - c. Aaron's direct line is: (330) 686-4485 x282**
 - d. A flyer on the partnership has been distributed through the listserve.**
- 3. Nursing Crisis**
 - a. Nursing staff shortages**
 - i. Many members have struggle to retain and find both RNs and LPNs, although finding LPNs has been the most challenging. Burnout, retirements, and significantly higher pay in other clinical settings have made it very difficult to hire.**
 - ii. Some Members having success with growing nurses in-house with tuition reimbursement for a long-term solution, some have had success in bringing old employees back who may have left the job for reasons such as a move, some have had success working as an instructor at a nursing school and being a site manager for clinical rotations.**
 - b. OPRA's letter to DODD on the shortage**
 - i. The OPRA Residential Waiver Committee drafted a letter to DODD to help ease the nursing crisis. The letter went through the Policy Committee and the OPRA Board to review and then was sent to the Director.**
 - ii. The letter focuses on the requirement in the RN trainer rule that requires RNs to have 18 months of experience before becoming an RN trainer.**
 - iii. DODD has not yet responded to the letter but plans to in the near future.**
- 4. Vaccine Progress**
 - a. Members continue to struggle to get hesitant staff and residents vaccinated. None are mandating the vaccine at the moment.**
- 5. Lifting of Health Orders**
 - a. How your organization is responding?**
 - i. Most are still waiting to lift their precautions/restrictions to see how the numbers shake up over the next few weeks and then will revise the plan. Staff aren't necessarily happy because of everything they are hearing from the CDC and the Governor but understand the necessity of the precautions.**



- ii. Where staff felt educated and supported, they have been more willing to be compliant.
- 6. Continued discussion on mental health within your organization
 - a. Providers are trying to address the mental health issues of staff and people served. Some have had trainings, speakers, sharing resources online through intranets,
- 7. Surveys
 - a. ODH: So far surveys are going well. They remain focused on infection control and prevention.
 - i. Surveyors seem to be relatively knowledgeable about the various pieces of guidance and QSOs and are not citing for suggestions.
- 8. OPRA Updates
 - a. Fall Conference session ideas: nursing shortage- impact and solutions, mental health first aid, QPR training, trauma informed care,
- 9. Other discussion items?
 - a. Rachel gave an overview of a recent call with federal regulators on COVID wind-down specifically in ICFs.
 - i. CMS and CDC has indicated they may look into some additional reporting requirements for ICFs but has not come to a decisions yet.
 - ii. We have concerns about time and money cost it would take providers to learn a new reporting system. It is unclear what either entity would do with the reported data at the moment.