

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019



Upcoming Events

10/2: Getting to Work: Transportation and Coordination of Supports - Northeast

10/2: OPRA District 7 Meeting

10/3: OPRA Day Array Committee Meeting

10/3: OPRA Employment Services Committee Meeting

10/3: DODD - Provider Billing Training

News and Resources

"DeWine announces federal grants to help eliminate lead paint" Click to Read...

"Holmes County Board of Developmental Disabilities to host first Harvest Festival" Click to Read...

"State of Ohio partners with local businesses to help people with disabilities get jobs" Click to Read...

Disability Scoop: "Lawmakers Look To Update SSI Program" Click to Read...

"Autism CARES Act Clears Senate" Click to Read...

THE WEEK'S TOP 5

Provider Certification: On Sept. 25, stakeholders convened for the 6th meeting of the provider certification workgroup. The primary issues discussed were the training requirements for CEOs and DSPs, as well as the "Direct Support Assistant" role, that could potentially be filled by 16 and 17 year old staff. OADSP has created a survey intended to gather feedback on the 'DSA' Position. To take the survey, please click [here](#).

IT Workgroup: On Friday Sept 20, DODD's Information Technology workgroup met to discuss and provide updates regarding the IT systems updates needed to implement the HPC rate increase in January of 2020. As of now, the updates are on track to be completed by October 1st, allowing 3 months for any necessary authorization changes to incorporate the new rates. There is great hope among the group that much of this process will be automated, alleviating the need to individually update authorizations statewide. To read more, click [here](#).

OOD Fee Schedule: The new provider manual and service fee schedule for providers of OOD services will go into effect on October 1st. To review the new provider manual and service fee schedule, please click [here](#). For more info, please contact Lisa at Lmathis@opra.org

Rule Clearance: DODD provided OPRA and other stakeholders with responses and rule updates based on clearance comments made to the revised Non-Medical Transportation and HPC: On-site/On-Call services. Due to OPRA's advocacy during the clearance process, revisions were made to the NMT rule, expanding the definition of a modified vehicle. Both of these rules are expected to be filed in mid-October. To read the revised NMT rule, click [here](#). For more info, please contact Scott at Smarts@opra.org

DOL Overtime Rule: Yesterday, the Department of Labor announced the revision of the DOL Overtime Rule of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). After soliciting input from the general public, the Trump administration is raising the threshold to \$35,568 per year for a full-time worker, going into effect on January 1, 2020. You can read DOL's press release [here](#). OPRA will be working with members to determine the potential fiscal impact of this new policy. For more info, please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org



Friday 5 Special: Board Election Results

Thanks to everyone who showed interest in serving on OPRA's Board of Directors! The results are in and the following were chosen to represent their respective OPRA Districts. We sincerely thank our outgoing board members for their service. Congratulations and welcome to our new and returning board members!

To fill open board seats in District 1 with a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022 are:

Melissa Morelli – Regional Dir., Active Day

Jamie Steele – CEO, Ohio Valley Residential Svcs.

Jim Steffey – President & CEO, Envision Ohio

To fill open board seats in District 4 with a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022 are:

Roy Cherry – CEO, The Epilepsy Center of NW Ohio

Megan Craun – CEO, Sandco Industries

Roger Fortener – Executive Dir., Anne Grady Svcs.

To fill open board seats in District 7 with a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022 are:

Diane Beastrom – President & CEO, Koinonia Homes

Laura LaGodney – CEO, Ability Works

Trish Otter– President & CEO, UCP of Greater Cleveland

To fill 1 vacant board seat in District 5 with a term ending December 31, 2020 is:

Jeff Johnson – Executive Dir., Weaver Industries

To fill 1 vacant board seat in District 8 with a term ending December 31, 2021 is:

Scott DeLong – President and future CEO, Champaign Residential Svcs.

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