

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 15, 2019



Upcoming Events

11/18: Canceled/Postponed: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting

11/19: OPRA Human Resource Committee Meeting.

11/20: OPRA District 3 Meeting

11/20: DODD Single ISP Meeting

News and Resources

Politico: "The health care system isn't ready to replace aging caregivers" Click to Read...

"CMS Administrator Seema Verma's Speech to the National Association of Medicaid Directors in Washington, D.C" Click to Read...

"Cuts affecting services at Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities" Click to Read...

THE WEEK'S TOP 5

Board Retreat: On Nov. 12-13, OPRA held its annual Board Retreat and Strategic Planning session. Facilitated by Jim Yunker of the Yunker Group, the OPRA board of directors and staff engaged in multiple activities and discussions to help define OPRA's strategic priorities for the coming years. Discussions included member feedback, simplification strategies and the workforce crisis. Detailed notes from the retreat will be posted in the coming weeks.

Wage Verification: OPRA is still working with DODD and system partners to establish a method for how to verify that the HPC rate increases established in the biennium budget are being utilized towards a DSP wage package. OPRA will continue to work towards a solution that protects provider data while being able to show that the legislature's investment in the direct service workforce is being used to get to the statewide wage of \$12.87/hr. For any questions, contact Pete at Pmoore@opra.org

Rule Hearings: 2 important rule changes will have public hearings next week. OPRA plans to provide public comment on both the Non-Medical Transportation and HPC rule concerning On-Site/On-Call. The public comments will be related to minor clarifications in both rules and will be unified with comments from both OACB and OHCA. Please contact either Scott or Christine with any questions.

MSS Kaizen: The Medicaid Service System (MSS) underwent a "Lean/Kaizen" process in order to make the system simpler, faster and easier to use. Goals included a 50% reduction in processes, defects and time on technical assistance. New editions to the system include a single calendar for scheduled/unscheduled services, a "shopping cart" feature for authorized services and changes to the prior authorization process. The full report on the changes to be implemented to MSS can be found [here](#). Please contact Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions.

Minimum Wage Bill: HB 391, a bill proposing to raise Ohio's minimum wage to \$10.55 was introduced by Reps Smith and Sobecki on Nov 5th and referred to the commerce and labor committee on Nov. 12th. Although we do not believe this bill to have a great chance of passing, OPRA will continue to monitor the legislation. Full text of the bill can be found [here](#). Please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org with any questions.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

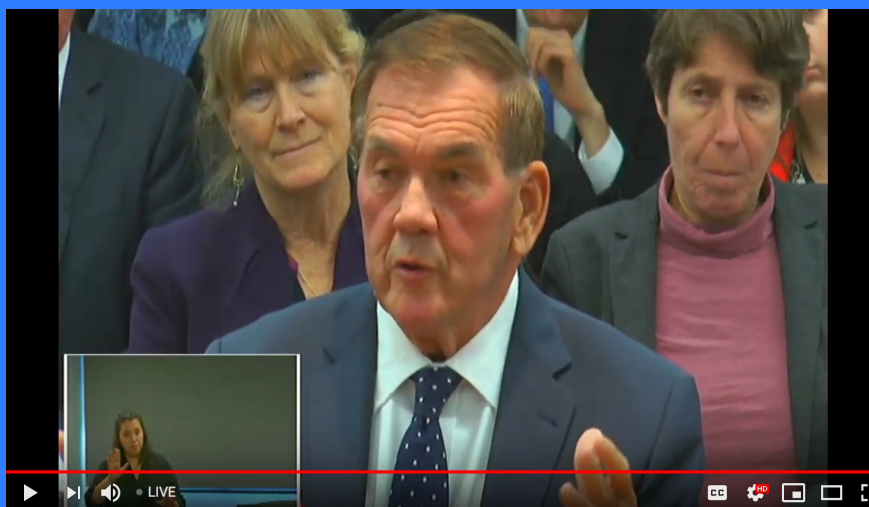
Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

CEO Training: OPRA will be holding an annual CEO training on Dec. 2nd. The presentation will cover the topics of person-centered services, community integration, self advocacy, rights and responsibilities in a new way. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Please contact Anita at AAllen@opra.org with any questions.

OOD Pre-Employment Skills Training: OOD will be holding an additional training for providers looking to become accredited to provide "PRE-ETS services. The training will take place on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at OOD's Central Office, "Current providers, who have not previously been approved for Pre-ETS services and new providers who wish to add Pre-ETS services, must attend. The training will outline OOD's vision for Pre-ETS services, best practices for coordinating services and service proposal (curriculum) expectations. Space is limited, and providers may register one (1) person per organization. To register, use the GoToMeeting link: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5279871732002444290>"

DODD Memo Monday: This week's memo monday included updated information regarding tech ambassador grants, updates to MyLearning, and changes to the PASSR rule concerning form submissions. To read the memos, click [here](#).

MultiMedia Corner



USCCR Public Briefing - Subminimum Wages

