

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 17, 2020



## Upcoming Events

1/20: Martin Luther King Jr Day- OPRA office closed.

1/22: DODD Livechat: PASSR Rule

1/23: ADVANCE Provider Leadership Training

1/29: DODD Live Chat – ICF Franchise Permit Fees

## News and Resources

"State Medicaid Director Blasts Flawed Framework" Click to Read...

"Disabled couples navigate red tape on way to altar" Click to Read...

"Marion Co. Bd. of Developmental Disabilities Earns 3-Yr DODD Accreditation" Click to Read...

"Feds Incentivize Disability Hiring" Click to Read...

"Labor Department Requiring Back Pay For Subminimum Wage Violations" Click to Read...

## THE WEEK'S TOP 5

**Ball V DeWine:** In response to the Fairness Hearing on 12/7/19, Judge Sargus requested and received settlement modifications from the 3 involved parties, including DODD, DRO and the Family Intervenors. Judge Sargus is reviewing the modifications, we will keep you updated as a potential settlement gets closer. We have attached several key documents to this newsletter email. To read DODD's statement regarding the latest developments, click [here](#). Please contact Pete for questions or further details at [Pmoore@opra.org](mailto:Pmoore@opra.org)

**Policy Committee:** OPRA's policy committee met this week, focusing on the committee's structure and processes going forward. The proposed structure keeps the 'core committee' and expands it to include a representative from each of OPRA's board committees including Day Array, HR, Residential Waiver, Health, ICF and Employment Services. As OPRA continues to focus and expand our policy & advocacy efforts, the policy committee will be instrumental in discussing and developing policy positions to be presented to OPRA's Board of Directors.

**OISP Workgroup:** DODD's workgroup charged with developing a single, statewide assessment and service plan met on Wednesday to begin work on the 'plan', after having completed the draft assessment for pilot testing agencies. DODD shared their online assessment tool that counties and ICFs will be using to pilot the questions developed by the workgroup. In addition to the workgroup meeting, DODD led 2 webinars for pilot testing groups on Wednesday. If you are piloting the assessment and have any questions or concerns, please contact Scott at [Smarks@opra.org](mailto:Smarks@opra.org). The draft assessment questions have been posted to Basecamp [here](#).

**EVV Update:** On Wednesday, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) hosted their monthly EVV Stakeholder meeting. ODM shared a lot of important updates on a variety of topics relating to EVV. Updates include information on ODM's good faith exemption application, alternate vendor demonstration process, Sandata device management, DODD claims analysis, and Phase 3 update. The Powerpoint for the meeting is attached to this email. Please contact Christine at [Ctouvelle@opra.org](mailto:Ctouvelle@opra.org) for more information.

**EVV Implementation Survey:** We are continuing to solicit member feedback on EVV's impact to your agency. We have gathered great insight and data so far and are hoping for even more. To take the survey click [here](#).



# In Case You Missed It...

## Updates from the OPRA Team and System Partners

**Speaker Proposals:** We are currently accepting session proposals for our 2020 Spring Conference on May 6-8th. Submission period ends Feb. 14, click [here](#) for more information.

**OOD Provider Search:** OOD announced an updated provider search tool that will be live on January 17. Per OOD, the new system will lead to "Improved accuracy, Easier user interface, Ability to complete a search from one screen, Ability to easily print search results to an Excel document, Ability to easily select multiple counties and services, Ability to search providers from a specific point of reference, e.g. the participant's home address...If you have questions about using this tool, please contact your regional PCMU representative or write [crpvendor@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:crpvendor@ood.ohio.gov)".

**OSDA Project STIR Leadership Training in Athens March 9th-11th, 2020:** Our friends at OSDA are hosting a 3-day Project Stir Training in SW Ohio. If you know anyone who would benefit from this self-advocacy and leadership experience, registration information can be found [here](#).

**DODD Year In Review:** Director Jeff Davis released DODD's 2019 Year in Review in the most recent edition of the "Director's Corner" Newsletter. In his letter to the field, Director Davis highlights the administrations accomplishments including the workforce investment, creation of single plan workgroup, expansion of technology options, among many others. To read the letter, click [here](#).

**OOD PREETS Training:** OOD announced another round of "Pre-Employment Transition Services" training for providers intending to provide PREETS Services. Per OOD's announcement "The next Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) training will take place on Monday, March 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at OOD's Central Office, 150 East Campus View Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43235, 3rd floor in the David Williams/Helen Keller conference rooms. 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." To register for this training, click [here](#). Please contact Scott at [Smarts@opra.org](mailto:Smarts@opra.org) with any questions.

