

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 31, 2020



## Upcoming Events

2/5: DODD Live Chat - ICF Cost Reporting

2/6: OPRA Health Care Committee Meeting

2/6: OPRA Day Array Committee Meeting

## News and Resources

"The thorny trade-offs in the Trump administration's Medicaid deal" Click to Read...

"Officials promoting new program to Ohioans with communication disabilities" Click to Read...

"Disability Issues Enter Spotlight In 2020 Presidential Race" Click to Read...

"Petition wording approved for campaign to raise Ohio minimum wage to \$13 an hour" Click to Read...

"Therap Announces Successful Completion of the Alternative EVV System Demonstration in Ohio" Click to Read...

## THE WEEK'S TOP 5

**2020 Salary Survey:** OPRA is preparing to send out our biennial salary survey next week. The salary survey is an important tool for OPRA that helps guide our advocacy as well as helping our members organize operations. After soliciting member input, this year's survey will look slightly different than in the past. We are once again condensing the salary and management surveys, but also streamlining many of the questions so it's easier to use and quicker to complete. We hope to have the survey completed by June of this year. If you have any questions, please contact Anita at [AAllen@Opra.org](mailto:AAllen@Opra.org).

**Provider Certification:** The workgroup met on Wednesday this week to discuss the draft rule for Independent Providers, completing the draft process for both the agency and independent provider rules. At this point, the workgroup is complete, but there are still many more steps before either rule is implemented, meaning the more flexible training requirements proposed will likely not be in effect until 2021. Please contact Anita at [AAllen@opra.org](mailto:AAllen@opra.org) with any questions.

**BluePrint Kick-Off:** The workgroup to propose changes to Adult & Employment services began this week with a 2-day meeting on 1/29 and 1/30. Both Directors Davis and Corcoran addressed the group which will be facilitated by Jacqui Romer-Sensky. The kick-off event was intended to provide context and lay a groundwork for the requirements and system issues that need to be addressed within the 'day array'. OPRA will continue to advocate for simplification and sustainability and will be working with members to discuss strategies and opportunities for this work. For the meeting agenda and group charter, click [here](#).

**MSS Re-Write:** DODD led the first meeting intended to operationalize the MSS Kaizen event facilitated in November by DAS. This process is intended to simplify MSS and CPT into a user-friendly 'turbo-tax' style system. To learn more about the MSS Re-write and Kaizen, click [here](#). Please contact either Scott or Christine if you have any recommendations to simplify/improve MSS.

**Medicaid Healthy Adult Opportunity (HAO):** Yesterday CMS announced potential changes that would allow states flexibility in implementing their medicaid program for people covered under the ACA's Medicaid Expansion. Although, this proposal does not directly impact people with disabilities, OPRA will be monitoring closely. To read CMS' announcement, click [here](#).



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**OOD Regional Stakeholder Meetings:** Earlier this week, OOD announced a series of Stakeholder meetings to be held over the next month. These meetings are a good opportunity to have your voice heard. Please RSVP to [crpvendor@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:crpvendor@ood.ohio.gov) at least one week before the meeting date with the names of those who will be attending and full organization name of those attending. Meetings will be held;

**Southwest:** Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Miami University - VOA Learning Center Auditorium, 7847 VOA Park Drive West Chester, OH 45069

**Southeast:** Thursday, February 13, 2020 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, 4300 E. Broad St., Ste. 200 Whitehall, Ohio 43213

**Northwest:** Thursday, February 20, 2020 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Owens Community College – Findlay Campus Community Education & Wellness Center, 3200 Bright Road Findlay, OH 45840

**East Central:** Friday, February 21, 2020 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Malone University Johnson Center Dining Room 2600 Cleveland Ave. NW Canton, Ohio 44709

**Northeast:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High St. Akron, Ohio 44326

**OPRA Training & Development Calendar:** Earlier this week, OPRA announced several new trainings in our 2020 professional development series. Topics include "Creating an Internal Compliance System", "From Paper to Electronic Documenting", and "Front-line Supervisor Training". To see the updated training calendar, click [here](#).

**Department Grants Extension for Annual MUI Reporting Requirements:** On Monday, DODD sent a memo announcing they will be granting an extension for annual MUI reporting, due to system errors caused by the revised reporting methods from the updated rule. Per the announcement; - Independent and agency providers will be required to complete the annual review by February 28, 2020, (previously January 31, 2020) and send to the county board by February 28, 2020. -County board and council of governments (when applicable) shall have a committee that reviews trends and patterns of major unusual incidents. The committee should meet in April 2020 (previously March 2020) to review and analyze data for the preceding calendar year. To read the full memo, click [here](#).

