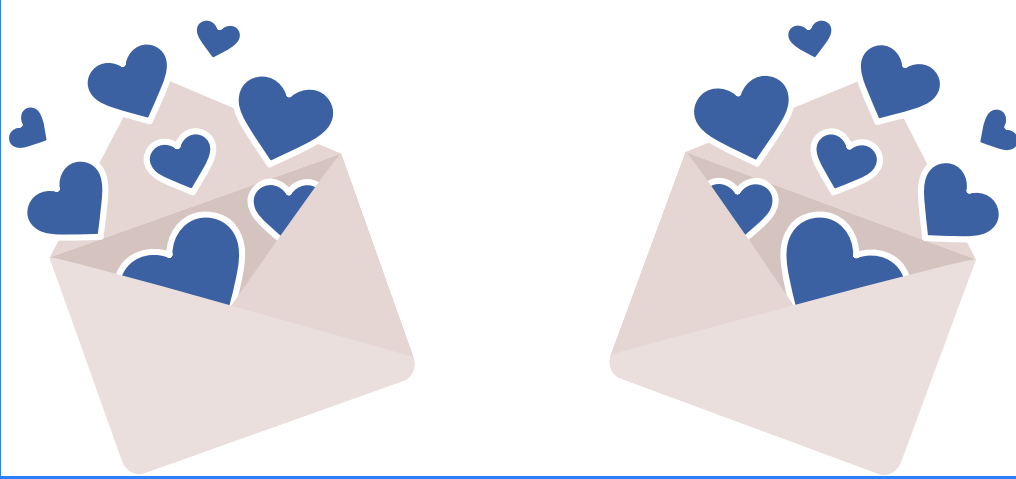


OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

FEBRUARY 14, 2020



Upcoming Events

2/18: OPRA Training- "Creating an Internal Compliance System"

2/19: OPRA Residential Waiver Committee

2/19: OPRA ICF Committee

2/20: OPRA Facility-Free Workgroup

2/20: OPRA Day Services Committee

2/20: OPRA Employment Services Committee

News and Resources

[Levy rollback means \\$8M less will be collected from Warren taxpayers](#)

[Democrats learn about Morrow County DD levy](#)

[Report: Turnover for direct support staff for Americans with disabilities reaches 'crisis' level](#)

[As Caregivers Age, People With Disabilities See Few Housing Options](#)

THE WEEK'S TOP 5

New OPRA Website

The new OPRA website is currently being tested by a group of volunteer OPRA Members and was also demonstrated at the District 3 meeting this week. We are gathering feedback from the District meeting and the volunteers. After suggested changes are made, we will begin to transition to the new site. Over the next few months, we will be demonstrating how to get the most out of the new website at many of the committee and district meetings. For more information, please contact Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org.

US Census

The US Census Bureau has been contacting OPRA Members who provide certain residential services about how providers can complete the Census for licensed residential settings. Vorys has put together some information on what you can share with the Census without violating HIPAA. You can read the information [here](#).

Medicaid Block Grants:

Ohio Department of Medicaid Director Maureen Corcoran announced that currently Ohio has no intent to pursue an 1115 waiver that would allow states to use a block grant to provide Medicaid to healthy, non-disabled, childless adults. This section of Medicaid beneficiaries became eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. You can read about the announcement [here](#).

Provider and County Board Partnership Pilot:

Over the past two years, OPRA has been involved with the Partnership Pilot, a collaboration between OACB, DODD, and OPRA. The purpose of the partnership was to improve county board-provider relationships and to develop and support quality initiatives and best practices. For the first two years, the Pilot's steering community selected projects via an application process. This year the goal is to broaden the impact of partnerships by implementing a statewide initiative. The steering committee is still working on the specifics of a state-wide roll out and we should have more details within 6 to 8 weeks. For more information on the pilot, please contact Anita at aallen@opra.org.

Policy Committee:

The Policy Committee met this past Monday. The Committee reviewed the committee structure and heard a variety of updates on the progress of the different state work groups. You can view the PowerPoint from the meeting [here](#). The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2020.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Central Ohio Day and Employment Service Providers:

OPRA, in conjunction with other stakeholders in the Central Ohio area, is conducting a survey about planning services for transition-age youth. We are looking to get input from providers and families on their experiences on setting up post-graduation services. You can find the surveys below.

[Provider Survey](#)

[Family Survey](#)

DODD Provider MUI Reports:

Our colleagues at DODD have asked us to remind OPRA Members that the DODD Data Warehouse MUI Reports are now available. There is no requirement for providers to utilize these reports, but these reports are one way in which a provider can satisfy their annual MUI report requirements. Providers have until 2/28/2020 to complete their annual review. You can find more information about the reports [here](#).

APSI Institute:

Advocacy and Protective Services, Inc., is hosting a training on March 12 in Columbus on Communication between Medical and Non-Medical professionals. This training is designed for a target audience of professionals who plan and/or deliver services to persons with developmental disabilities, including guardians, nurses, SSAs, DSPs, and other supervisory or frontline staff. Early-bird registration ends 2/17/2020.

View a detailed schedule of the training's topics [here](#).

You can register for the training [here](#).

Zack Gottsagen Becomes First Actor with Down Syndrome to Present at the Academy Awards

