

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

FEBRUARY 21, 2020



## Upcoming Events

2/25: OPRA HR Committee Meeting

2/26: OPRA Board of Directors Meeting

2/27: OPRA Training "From Paper to an Electronic Documentation System"

2/28: DODD Training "County Board Cost Projections"

## News and Resources

[Three-year accreditation awarded to Williams County Board of DD](#)

[Disney Goes To Trial Over Theme Park Disability Access Policy](#)

[Black River High School students have opportunity to learn job and life skills](#)

[People with disabilities without rides after thieves steal parts from buses](#)

## THE WEEK'S TOP 5

### OPRA Committee Meetings:

OPRA's Residential Waiver and ICF Committees met on Wednesday this week, covering a variety of topics and hosting guest speakers from DODD. Anne Weisent and Angel Morgan from DODD met with the Residential waiver committee to discuss process for improving relationships between system partners and outlining some of the regional work DODD is planning in this area. The ICF Committee hosted Ginnie Whisman and Sara Lawson, also of DODD, for a discussion on Multi-system Youth, improving local relationships between County Boards and ICFs, as well needed changes to the 'development rule'.

On Thursday OPRA hosted the 'facility free' work-group, the Day Services Committee and the Employment Services Committee. All groups had packed agendas and we appreciate the attendance both in-person and by phone. The Employment Services Committee featured a presentation on "Microsoft Power BI", a low-cost data analytics platform, led by Marcia Erickson of DATSMART.

In addition to the presentation and discussion, the committee reviewed OOD's proposed rules for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Supported Employment Services, Self-Employment and Home Modifications. OPRA's comments to OOD can be found [here](#).

Single Plan Workgroup: The OISP work-group met this week and reviewed feedback from agencies piloting the assessment, created through the group. Initial feedback seemed generally positive, though respondents still seemed to indicate the assessment was repetitive and took too long to complete. The group then moved to further development of the 'plan', striking a consensus on a simple format providing only necessary information. More info on that work can be found [here](#). Please contact Anita at Aallen@opra.org.

EVV: The EVV Stakeholder group met on Wednesday providing updates on device upgrades, alternate vendor demonstrations and upcoming trainings (which can be found [here](#)). Christine sent an in-depth update earlier this afternoon and can be contacted at Ctouville@opra.org with any questions.

DODD Grants: Earlier this week, DODD released information on several grant opportunities including "Building Innovative Service Models" and "Employer Transformation" grants. More info on these opportunities can be found [here](#). Please contact Scott at smarks@opra.org if you would like to discuss these opportunities.



## Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners