

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 21, 2020

Committee Meetings: The Residential Waiver and ICF Committees met on Wednesday of this week. The committees hosted guest speakers from DODD (Kelly Miller and Sara Lawson) and also discussed how OPRA's new guiding principles and their action steps can be tailored to support the needs of residential waiver and ICF providers. If you have questions or suggestions about the guiding principles and their action steps, please contact Pete at Pmoore@opra.org.

Principle #1: We believe the primary focus of our work is the positive and supportive relationship between front-line professionals and the people they support.

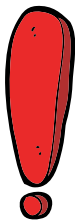
Principle #2: We believe providers should be supported and trusted to support people with developmental disabilities and operate effective and successful organizations.

Principle #3: We believe providers must be sufficiently compensated to deliver essential services to meet the needs of the people they support in an ever evolving society and system.

Principle #4: We believe all services currently provided across the spectrum of services should be recognized as crucial to each and every person we serve.

Appendix K Relief for Residential Waiver Providers: We are unsure of the timeline for approval of the fiscal relief for H/PC and OS/OC providers. The application for relief must be submitted and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prior to distribution of funds. However, previously submitted Appendix Ks have been approved relatively quickly so we are hopeful for a fast turnaround.

Provider Reviews: OPRA held a discussion with DODD this week to discuss concerns on DODD's intent to restart provider reviews. If you feel like you do not have the staff capacity to meet the volume or timeline of requests, we encourage you to reach out to the reviewer to work out an accommodation plan. Please reach out to anyone on the OPRA team for assistance if issues persists.



HHS Provider Relief: There is only 1 week left to apply for Provider Relief Funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services. All Medicaid providers are eligible to apply for the funds. You can find more information and apply [here](#). Applications are due August 28th.

If you have questions about the funds or the application, please contact Christine at

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Provider Certification: DODD has released close to final drafts of Provider Certification rules for workgroup feed back. You can find more information about the workgroup and read copies of the proposed rules [here](#).

Single ISP- The DODD workgroup's work on a single assessment and ISP is wrapping up. It is anticipated that both will be tested from late August through mid-October. After the testing period, changes will made based on feedback. Rules will be drafted and training will be scheduled. The goal is to have these new processes go live in March of 2021.



ODH PPE Project: OPRA has been working with the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs) to help secure PPE for providers who are supporting COVID+ individuals and are desperately low on PPE. Providers are now considered Tier 1 providers by local EMAs and EMAs should also have a list of OPRA Members to assist with this process. If you are in dire need of PPE, [contact your local EMA](#) and be prepared with the below information. .

- What services does the requesting agency/provider deliver?
- What population(s) does the agency/provider serve?
- How much of the requested PPE does the agency/provider have on hand?
- What is the burn rate of the requested PPE? (# of resources used per day)
- What PPE conservation strategies are being employed? (See [Optimizing Supply of PPE and Other Equipment during Shortages](#))
- When will the agency/provider run out of the requested supplies, at the current burn rate?
- What deliveries are expected from the agency's/provider's established vendor(s)? (How much will arrive and when will it be delivered?)
- What is the current situation at the facility? COVID cases? Total patients/residents?
- Circumstances contributing to limited PPE?

In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

OPRA Sign-on Letter- Last week, OPRA sent letters to Senators Brown and Portman expressing our dismay that there appears to be no movement on additional federal COVID 19 relief. You can read the letters [here](#).

Looking for help complying with Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) N95 respirator mask fit test requirement?

One OPRA Member suggests exploring the affordable training solutions offered by [XO Safety](#).

ODH Director's Orders- This week Governor DeWine announced two ODH Director's orders regarding testing in nursing facilities and assisted living facilities and reopening of adult day care centers. The testing order is currently specific to skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities and the adult day centers is specific to services offered by non-DODD adult day centers.

CMS Updates Guidance on ICF Surveys- Read the [latest guidance](#) to States on resuming surveys in nursing home and ICFs.

OPRA 2020 FALL CONFERENCE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

We are now accepting nominations for our 2020 Awards Ceremony!

- DSP
- Behind the Scenes
- Front Line Supervisor
- Team
- Volunteer
- Community Member
- Community Partner
- Gary LaVox Job Coach
- Lifetime Achievement

Nominate someone [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[8/24: Harassment & Civility Training After George Floyd: Understanding the EEOC's New Harassment Training Guidelines](#)

[8/25: Freeing Individuals to Live Their Most Independent Lives](#)



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DODD COVID-19 MUI Updates: This week, Scott Phillips of DODD's MUI Division provided us with another update on the impact of COVID-19 on people in the Ohio DD service system, based on reported MUIs.

*Please noted that this report was revised as of this date so that each individual is only counted one time. If a person was hospitalized and tested multiple times, the entry for that person will be updated to reflect the most current information. As a result of removing any additional/duplicate testing results for the same person, there was a slight decrease in the overall number of test results. County board and DCs should continue to report COVID-19 related MUIs as they have been.

- There were 641 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 6 new hospitalizations with COVID testing since the last report, which was issued on Friday, August 14, 2020.
- A total of 651 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 10 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs*			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
425	7	219	651

There were 65 counties and 3 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs.

- Cuyahoga had the most people hospitalized and tested with 95 followed by Franklin with 84.
- Cuyahoga county had the most people who tested positive with 43 followed by Franklin with 31.

Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60% of those tested and females 40%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 2 to 91 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common age was 61 years.

The breakdown of people tested by race include:

- Black or African American-16% (41% positive testing rate)
- Other Race -2% (57% positive testing rate)
- Unknown-5% (50% positive testing rate)
- White/Caucasian 77% (30% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

Thirty-six (5.5%) people died of COVID-19 of the 651 reported. This is an increase of 2 more confirmed deaths since last week's report. A total of 15 counties and 1 DC have reported COVID-19 deaths.

