

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 6, 2020

Dr. Laura's Medical Moments: On this morning's member call, we were thankful to host Dr. Laura Sorg, DODD's Medical Director. Dr. Sorg, also still a practicing physician, joined DODD earlier this summer to help navigate the many medical complexities of Covid-19, along with other major health concerns for Ohioans with disabilities. Dr. Sorg continues to share her 'medical moments', providing tips for how we can collectively help keep each other safe and healthy throughout the pandemic. We are grateful that Dr. Sorg was able to join us and we look forward to hosting her again in the future. In the meantime, if you have any questions you would like us to pose to Dr. Sorg, please email them to Pete at pmoore@opra.org as we are compiling a database of questions and comments. Click the videos below to see the most recent 'medical moment' as well as a video of Dr. Sorg giving Director Davis his flu shot!



Day Array: Thank you to all who attended yesterday's day array committee meeting. In addition to hosting our partner guests, we had a robust discussion on the future reimbursement structure for day services and the ongoing work of the 'core committee'. [Click here to view the presentation from the meeting](#), outlining the very tentative proposal for a rate/reimbursement model beginning in January of 2021. This proposal, which involves enhanced transportation rates through appendix K, new STEP flexibility and retainer payments through appendix K is still in the development mode as we await feedback from the Governor's office, as well as the Ohio Department of Medicaid on the viability of the proposals. OPRA continues to advocate for a fair reimbursement model to provide safe, small group supports, especially as COVID-19 surges in Ohio.

SBA/PPP Loans: We are beginning to get word from Members about their Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan being forgiven. Since The US Treasury has been slow to process the loan forgiveness applications, we are very excited/relieved to see this development. Indications so far have been positive as far the level of forgiveness to the loans, but feel free to contact us if you have questions about the status of your loan.

MSS Workgroup: The state committee charged with a rebuild of the Medicaid Service System (MSS) met this week to continue the rebuild, discussing the processes for adding sites prior to waiver enrollment and assigning providers. Meeting minutes will be shared with members when available.



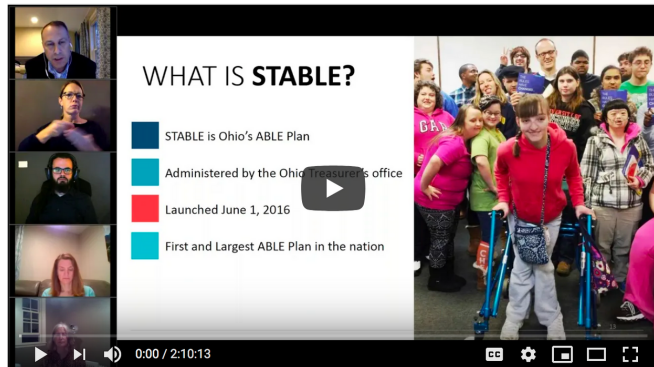
In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

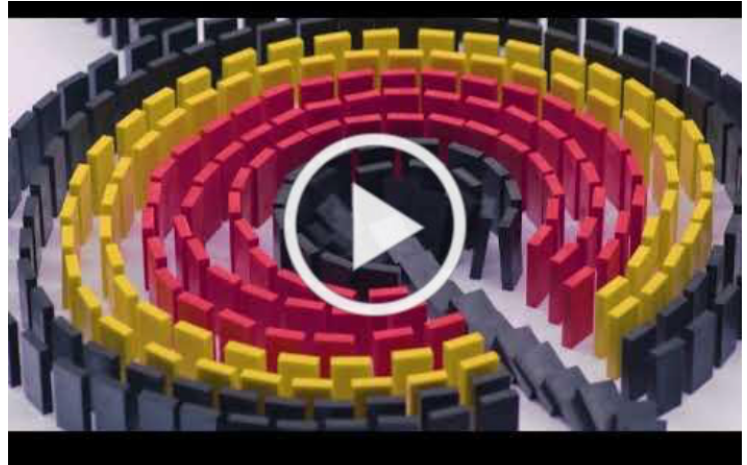
Memo Monday: This week the Department released both a Memo Monday, featuring the new 'Medical Moment', as well as information on the OhioRISE program, assistive technology updates and several training webinar announcements. The monthly Pipeline was also released this week, featuring new DODD podcasts and the "don't let up" video linked below.

[To read Memo Monday, click here.](#)

[To read the DODD Pipeline, click here.](#)



Click above to view the STABLE Accounts webinar from 10/22/20!



OPRA Training Announcement: See info below and [Click here to learn more and register](#) for the 3-day Training Workshop "THREE DAY ISP/CPT/MRC Training ~ How to be an Effective Member of an ISP Meeting" with Gary Brown and Melessa Behymer of BradyWare!

This training has been updated to include "How to be Successful When Transitioning to the *NEW* Monthly Rate Calculator (MRC)"

Do you feel your agency is an active participant in ISP process?

- Are your agency representatives empowered in ISP meetings and fully confident of their roles and responsibility?
- Do you truly understand the roles and responsibilities of the individual, provider and County Board SSA?
- Do you truly understand the waiver funding process?
- Are you frustrated because you feel approval of appropriate services/funding is out of your control and your input does not matter?
- Do you understand what you need to do to be financially successful with MRC?

Upcoming Events

11/9: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting

11/11: OPRA Healthcare Committee Meeting

News and Resources

"Ohio COVID-19 map: 56 Ohio counties now ranked red, including most of northern Ohio"

"New research documents how COVID-19 multiplies stress and trauma for people with disabilities"

"New Medicaid program to help high-needs kids stay with families"

OPRA COVID-19 Toolkit



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Updated MUI Covid-19 Data from DODD

As of November 6, 2020:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
582	3	329	914

- 329 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 19 additional positives since the 10/30 report.
- 58 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 2 additional confirmed deaths since the 10/30 report.
- There were 899 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 27 since the 10/30 report.
- A total of 914 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 15 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 72 counties and 6 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs (CADC, CDC, GDC, TDC, WDC and NODC).
- Franklin had the most people hospitalized and tested with 133 followed by Cuyahoga with 124.
- Cuyahoga county had the most people who have tested positive with 50 followed by Franklin with 47.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60% of those tested and females 40%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 91 years. The average age was 53 years. The most common age was 61 years.
- The breakdown of people tested by race include:
 - Black or African American-16% (38% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (57% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (46% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 78% (34% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (58) and the total people served (94,890) is .061.
- The ages of those who passed away range from 20-89 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 62 years old.
- A total of 24 counties and 1 DC have reported COVID-19 deaths.

Living Arrangement/COVID Deaths	Count
Correctional Facility	1
Family	1
ICF	19
Licensed Waiver	8
Nursing Facility	9
Supported Living	20
Grand Total	58

County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count
Allen	1
Belmont	1
Butler	1
Clark	1
Cuyahoga	6
Franklin	6
Hamilton	4
Lake	1
Lucas	9
Mahoning	1
Miami	1
Montgomery	4
Muskingum	1
NODC	4
Ottawa	2
Perry	1
Preble	1
Richland	1
Scioto	1
Stark	2
Summit	2
Tuscarawas	1
Warren	2
Wayne	3
Wood	1
Grand Total (24 Counties and 1 DC)	58

