

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 9, 2021



Registration is LIVE for OPRA's 2021 Virtual Spring Conference on May 6th and 7th. We will kick off the conference with keynote address from speaker Alonzo Kelly (see video on next page!). Click below to check out all the new features, sessions and events that will be part of this year's Virtual Spring Conference!

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HCBS Access Act: During the past few Friday calls, we have been discussing the HCBS Access Act, a discussion draft of legislation introduced in part by Senator Brown's office. The current draft includes provisions that states must offer a basic package of HCBS waiver services, as well as expanding program eligibility and very notably providing for a 100% FMAP, meaning the HCBS program would be fully funded by the Federal government. We know there are many questions and potential concerns over the impact of this legislation, especially for ICF providers. We are working with partners at Vorys, ANCOR and other state and national partners to determine all of the potential risks and benefits of such a change, if the bill were to move forward towards actual legislation. To that end, we plan on hosting a Town Hall Tuesday on April 20th, with aides from Senator Sherrod Brown's office to discuss the HCBS Access Act in detail. More information about that event will be coming next week. [Click here to read the discussion draft of the HCBS Access Act.](#)

Transition to CIE Act: Last week, President Biden released an executive fact sheet, outlining the major provisions expected to be included in the administration's infrastructure bill, known as the American Jobs Plan. Included in the fact sheet was a provision about the phasing out of 14C Sub-minimum wage certificates. Following soon, Rep. Bobby Scott introduced the 'Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act' in the House Education and Labor committee. The primary provisions of the act include grant funds to states and employer/certificate holders to transition to competitive integrated models, while phasing out sub-minimum wage over 5 years. This bill is still very early in process, and will certainly face a tough path in the Senate, if passed by the House. We will be working closely with the membership, our committees and state partners in any advocacy approaches related to this newly-introduced legislation, as we know this is a very important topic/area for many. Please reach out to Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions or feedback about this legislation. [Fact sheets, text and more info can be found here.](#)

OOD SYWE Info: Earlier this week, OOD released information pertaining to this year's Summer Youth Work Experience program. This year's SYWE will be provided in either in-person work experiences or as Pre-Employment Transitions Services (PRE-ETS) and OOD has [updated forms](#) and protocols to reflect these changes, as well as [an instructional video](#) on the use of the forms. OOD has also scheduled a May 12th training for direct SYWE staff held working with students this summer.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's Memo Monday from DODD included information on the extension of the Outcome Tracking System reporting period being extended to June 30th, as well as information on OTS trainings for those new to the system. The MM also included memos about the extension of the CDC eviction moratorium, Transformation Tuesdays and other upcoming trainings. [Click here to read the full Memo Monday.](#)

Core Committee: The DODD Core funding committee, established last fall to plan for changes to the pandemic-related regulations and reimbursement for adult services will be meeting next week on April 14th. This meeting will be focused on what the next several months look like as far as ODH orders, DODD guidance and potential reimbursement changes. OPRA is focused on a sustainable phase-in that allows providers to viably serve people while giving time to ramp back up before any changes to the current reimbursement model are made.

DOL Dialogue: Per announcement from the US Department of Labor; "The U.S. Department of Labor announced today that, beginning April 12, it will open a two-week national online dialogue to gather ideas for ensuring equity in employment policies and programs for people with disabilities from historically under-served communities. Those seeking to participate should register at RacialEquity.ideascale.com." [To learn more about this initiative, click here.](#)

With less than a month away from the Spring Conference, we wanted to highlight some of the speakers, sessions and exhibitors featured at this year's event. We will kick off the conference with a keynote address from Alonzo Kelly of The Kelly Leadership Group, sharing experiences and lessons 'descending Mt. COVID'. In addition to the keynote address, Alonzo will also be presenting in our leadership track on May 6th. [Register here!](#)



Upcoming Events

[4/14: HIPAA Spring Six Part Training Series - Session 5](#)

[4/15: OPRA HR Committee](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio COVID-19 maps: Statewide case rate continues to increase"](#)

["Ohio Medicaid program to expand access to behavioral health services for children"](#)

["People with disabilities battle through isolation"](#)



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As of April 9, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
833	29	1,019	1,881

- 1,019 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 8 additional positives since the 4/2 report.
- 227 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 3 additional confirmed deaths since the 4/2 report.
- There were 1,793 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 19 since the 4/2 report.
- A total of 1,881 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 88 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 85 counties and 8 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs (CADC, CDC, GDC, TDC, MVDC, SODC, WDC and NODC).
- Franklin had the most people hospitalized and tested with 239 followed by Cuyahoga with 206.
- Franklin had the most people who tested positive at 121 people followed by Cuyahoga with 110.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.34% of those tested and females 39.66%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 55 years. The most common ages are 59, 61, and 63 years.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
- Black or African American-15% (56% positive testing rate)
- Other Race -2% (55% positive testing rate)
- Unknown-5% (48% positive testing rate)
- White/Caucasian 78% (54% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (227) and the total people served (94,890) is 0.239%.
- The ages of those who passed away range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 61 years old.
- A total of 53 counties and 3 DCs have reported COVID-19 deaths.

County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count	County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count
Adams	1	Lorain	4
Allen	4	Lucas	16
Ashtabula	3	Mahoning	2
Belmont	1	Marion	1
Butler	6	Miami	1
Carroll	1	Montgomery	10
CDC	1	Muskingum	1
Champaign	1	NODC	4
Clark	6	Ottawa	9
Clermont	4	Perry	3
Clinton	1	Pickaway	2
Coshocton	4	Preble	3
Cuyahoga	14	Richland	5
Darke	1	Ross	1
Delaware	2	Sandusky	6
Fairfield	2	Scioto	2
Franklin	21	Seneca	1
Gallia	3	Stark	15
Geauga	1	Summit	7
Greene	1	TDC	1
Hamilton	12	Trumbull	5
Hardin	1	Tuscarawas	3
Henry	1	Vinton	1
Holmes	1	Warren	6
Jefferson	1	Wayne	4
Lake	6	Williams	1
Lawrence	1	Wood	3
Licking	7	Wyandot	2
Grand Total 227			

Living Arrangement/COVID Deaths	Count
Correctional Facility	1
Family	34
ICF	70
Licensed Waiver	20
Nursing Facility	29
Supported Living	73
Grand Total	227

