

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MAY 28, 2021

WCTF: Earlier this week, DODD held the first meeting of the Workforce Crisis Task Force (WCTF), aimed at developing and implementing immediate, short-term and long-term solutions to the workforce crisis, focusing on the areas of System Barriers and Compensation leading to better Recruitment and Retention. Facilitated by Jacqui Romer-Sensky, the group walked through the charter, scope and focus of the task force, before members began sharing ideas for short-term solutions to help immediately address the crisis. A primary focus of immediate intervention is the use of the enhanced FMAP funding allocated through the American Rescue Plan and how those dollars can be accessed to help providers with recruitment initiatives. The WCTF will meet again in 2 weeks as DODD works with the administration on a plan to distribute the EFMAP/ARPA funding. [Click here to download the WCTF charter and first meeting agenda.](#) Please contact Pete or Scott with any questions about the WCTF.

DODD Guidance: As we prepare for the lifting of most of Ohio's public health orders next week, we have discussed with members the need for guidance from DODD on how providers can/should operate in the 'new normal'. In a meeting earlier this week, DODD shared draft guidance they hope to have distributed ASAP, pending approval from the Governor's office/ODH. The draft guidance generally directs back to CDC guidance and will clearly eliminate the requirements around cohort sizes and distancing in place for adult and vocational services the past several months. We will share the guidance with members immediately as it is released.

Mental Health & Nursing Initiatives: At Wednesday's OPRA Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to advance two important initiative brought forward by the OPRA's residential waiver committee. The first focuses on the need for improved collaboration between the Mental Health and DD systems in order to best support people living with those dual conditions. The next initiative focuses on the issue of nursing capacity and implores DODD to loosen the some of the requirements around Nurse Trainers. [Letters were written to Director Davis in support of both of these efforts and can be downloaded on OPRA's website here.](#)

Workforce Grant: Earlier today, Pete shared information via e-mail about a grant opportunity for OPRA members to support recruitment and retention activities. The grant opportunity will be open to 21 OPRA members and will support promotional/marketing initiatives to attract potential staff as well as examining the first few months of a DSP's experience on the job to develop promising and best practices for on-boarding new employees. [To learn more about the grant opportunity or to apply, visit the OPRA website here.](#) Please reach out to Pete at Pmoore@opra.org with questions.

Anniversary!: Today marks Pete's 2-year anniversary as OPRA's President/CEO. His tenure began as tornadoes struck Dayton and has continued through a global pandemic, where he was witnessed the true heroism of the professionals in our field. We are grateful every day for his thoughtful and passionate leadership of the OPRA team and community. Per Pete; "I am thankful for our members...you have been so supportive and your positive feedback and encouragement always comes when we need it the most." [Reach out to Pete to say Congratulations](#) on his 2-year anniversary!



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD memos included info on the OISP implementation, a statewide survey for people with disabilities, Summit DD's "Eat Safe" Initiative and many other topics. [Click here to read this week's Memo Monday.](#)

Return to Work Webinar: Our partners at [Vorys held a "Return to Work" webinar](#) last week that addressed some issues around what an employer can do and/or require of your staff as they return to work. That update starts at about the thirty-minute mark. The information regarding return to work starts at about the 33 minute mark. It discusses a RTW checklist and what should be on it as well as considerations for requiring employees to have a vaccination as well as guidance that the EEOC has given regarding this topic.

Leadership Conference: OPRA will be partnering with provider associations from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan for the 'Great Lakes Leadership Conference' on July 19-24. There are many interesting sessions throughout the week and we will be hosting a 'coffee conversation' on workforce priorities on the Wednesday morning of the conference. [Click here to learn more and/or register.](#) OPRA members get a registration discount of \$50 off by entering the promo code OPRA.



NEW TRAININGS!
SUMMER SESSIONS

CEO TRAINING: JUNE 10
HIPAA SERIES: JUNE 24, JULY 8, JULY 15
FRONTLINE SUPERVISORS JUNE 23 - 24


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for Ohioans with Disabilities**
Visit go.osu.edu/B7XY

Who should take this survey?

- Ohioans ages 19 and older with a disability
- A family member, friend, caregiver, or other person who is helping may respond on your behalf
- Transportation providers who provide services to Ohioans with disabilities



Upcoming Events

[5/31: Memorial Day](#)

[6/2: Blitz Creative Workshop: DSP Magnet
Recruiting & Ghosting](#)

[6/3: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine scraps COVID-19 county
heat map"](#)

["Under 800 new COVID-19 cases reported in
Ohio Thursday"](#)

["Senate Narrowly Confirms Chiquita Brooks-
LaSure as Next CMS Administrator"](#)

["Rewrite of Ohio laws would remove stigma
against those with disabilities, advocates say"](#)



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As of May 27, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
891	1	1,051	1,943

- 1,051 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 2 additional positive since the 5/21 report.
- 230 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 0 additional confirmed deaths since the 5/21 report.
- There were 1,854 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 9 since the 5/21 report.
- A total of 1,943 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 89 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 242 followed by Cuyahoga with 213.
- Franklin had the most people who tested positive at 122 people followed by Cuyahoga with 118.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.10% of those tested and females 39.90%.
- 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% (56% 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 (230) and the total people served (94,890) is 0.242%.
- The ages of those who passed away range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 62 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	4
Clinton	1	Pickaway	2
Coshocton	4	Preble	3
Cuyahoga	15	Richland	5
Darke	1	Ross	1
Delaware	2	Sandusky	6
Fairfield	2	Schlotz	2
Franklin	21	Seneca	1
Gallia	3	Stark	15
Geauga	1	Summit	7
Greene	1	TDC	1
Hamilton	13	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 230			

Living Arrangement/COVID Deaths	Count
Correctional Facility	1
Family	35
ICF	70
Licensed Waiver	20
Nursing Facility	29
Supported Living	74
Grand Total	230

