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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 7, 2022

Director Hauck: Last weekend, new DODD Director Kim Hauck officially took the lead at the department, following Jeff Davis' retirement at the end of the year. Director Hauck released an initial statement to the field, [which can be read here](#). Per Director Hauck: "I am truly excited and humbled to be in the role of director and have the opportunity to continue our work together. The past year was not without its significant challenges and the coming year promises more will arise. I know that together, as a system, we can meet these challenges and continue collaboration to better support people with developmental disabilities and their families." Pete met with Director Hauck earlier this week to discuss current needs, priorities and DODD's direction over the next year.



Waiver Rates: As a result of advocacy during last year's biennium budget process, the 4% rate increases secured for HCBS services went into effect on January 1st, 2022. [A list of the new rates and their applicability can be found here](#). It is important for providers to begin billing the new rates for services provided on or after 1/1, as services billed at the old rates will be paid out at those rates.

Provider Cert Rule: The training components of the new Provider Certification rule that went into effect back in September are now live in Mylearning and required as of 1/1/22. [DODD sent an email last week](#) laying out the initial, 30-day and annual training requirements, and showing how they are organized in Mylearning. [They also posted this page](#) with all of the powerpoints and videos for those looking to implement the training themselves or through another training vendor. Please contact [Scott](#) with any thoughts or feedback on what trainings or resources would be helpful in meeting these training requirements as we are just beginning to develop our training workshop calendar for 2022.

Mandate news: As we speak, the US Supreme Court is hearing arguments regarding both the CMS and OSHA vaccine mandate rules. While the CMS order is still on hold here in Ohio, the 6th Circuit Appeals Court's decision weeks back means that the OSHA order is currently moving forward. OSHA has outlined initial enforcement dates, as well as provided sample policies and procedures [that can be found here](#). Additionally, although the CMS order is still currently on hold in Ohio, [CMS did issue this QSO with additional guidance](#) for coming into compliance with the rules. Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.

ICF Rapid Response: This week we met with DODD to discuss the ICF Rapid Response System. The Rapid Response System is a new application intended to accelerate conversations between local teams and technology vendors. The RRS will allow service and support administrators (SSAs) and qualified intellectual disability professionals (QIDPs) to create requests for people in need of technology solution consultation. Technology vendors will be able to see the requests and respond outside of the system directly to those in need. This is an additional DODD initiative designed to increase statewide conversations about what technology and access to it for people with developmental disabilities. It is hoped that this application will work for those in ICF's just as it does for those in waiver settings. Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD communications included information on the OISP regional support sessions and sample assessment plans, information on initial DSP training and its portability, updated licensed facility termination and transformation notices. [Click here to read!](#)

Station MD Pilot: DODD released an RFI on December 21, 2021 to invite county boards, waiver providers and ICF's to be part of a pilot program to utilize StationMD services for individuals with developmental disabilities in Ohio. The deadline for application is January 21 and we expect to notify successful applicants on January 26. We have had a great response so far but want to make sure everyone who is interested has an opportunity to apply. Click the video to the right to learn about the the services of Station MD. Please reach out to Pete with any questions!



COVID and the ADA: "The Justice Department has updated its ["Common Questions About COVID and the ADA"](#) to address two COVID-era issues affecting people with disabilities: first, ensuring that medical facilities' visitor policies take into the account the rights of people with disabilities to receive equal access to care; and second, ensuring that outdoor retail or dining spaces (sometimes called "streeteries") are accessible to people with disabilities and do not prevent individuals from using sidewalks and accessible parking."

OOD PreETS Survey: Earlier this week, [OOD released this survey](#) for providers of Pre Employment Skills Training (PREETS). We know this is a hot topic for our employment providers, so any feedback provided by OOD will be helpful in our advocacy for a more sustainable transition service.

PRF Phase 2 Reporting: HRSA announced that the reporting period for PRF Phase 2 is now open and will be until March 31, 2022. Phase 2 includes "Providers who received one or more General and/or Targeted PRF payments exceeding \$10,000, in the aggregate, from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 must report on their use of funds in Reporting Period 2." [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Events

[1/12: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting](#)

[1/12: HIPAA Winter Training Series PART I:
Document your Highest Risks
VIRTUAL Online Workshop](#) (see flyer on last page)

News and Resources

["UH officials hopeful Northeast Ohio may have peaked with Omicron"](#)

["Ohio's minimum wage increases again on January 1, 2022"](#)

["AMA: 3 keys for treating patients with intellectual disabilities"](#)

["Disability Scoop: IRS Raises Limit For ABLE Accounts"](#)



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This report reflects COVID hospitalizations and deaths since the last report issued on December 17, 2021 (nearly 3 weeks of data). As you all are aware Ohio has seen an increase in the Omicron variant. The increases are impacting individuals we support and are reflected in our positive numbers involving unanticipated hospitalizations.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs-January 6, 2022			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,077	1	1,427	2,505

- 1,427 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **80 additional positives** since the 12/17 report.
- There were **84 additional hospitalizations** since the 12/17 report. This is a total of 2,368 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,505 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 137 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 307 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were **11 additional confirmed deaths** since the 12/17 report.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 86 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 257 followed by Cuyahoga with 248.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 151 and Franklin had 134.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.60% of those tested and females 40.40%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 62.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
 - Black or African American-14% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (52% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 79% (56% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (307) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.310%.
- The ages of those who died range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 60 years old.
- A total of 66 counties and 3 DCs (CDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 24.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Fulton	2	Marion	1	Seneca	1
Allen	5	Gallia	3	Medina	1	Stark	19
Ashtabula	3	Geauga	1	Meigs	1	Summit	12
Athens	2	Greene	2	Miami	4	TDC	1
Belmont	1	Hamilton	14	Montgomery	12	Trumbull	8
Brown	1	Hancock	3	Morgan	1	Tuscarawas	6
Butler	7	Hardin	1	Morrow	2	Vinton	1
Carroll	1	Henry	1	Muskingum	1	Warren	6
CDC	2	Highland	2	NODC	4	Wayne	4
Champaign	1	Holmes	2	Ottawa	10	Williams	1
Clark	6	Jefferson	2	Perry	4	Wood	4
Clermont	5	Knox	2	Pickaway	2	Wyandot	2
Clinton	1	Lake	7	Pike	1	Grand Total	307
Coshocton	6	Lawrence	2	Portage	1		
Cuyahoga	18	Licking	8	Preble	3		
Darke	2	Logan	1	Richland	7		
Delaware	4	Lorain	4	Ross	1		
Fairfield	3	Lucas	20	Sandusky	6		
Franklin	24	Mahoning	7	Scioto	2		



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HIPAA

ONLINE TRAINING

January 12, 19, 26

1 pm to 2 pm

HIPAA WINTER TRAINING

THREE PART WORKSHOP

Members: \$50

Non Members: \$100

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