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Ohio ISP: This week we participated in a meeting for the Ohio ISP. DODD has recorded sessions of Q and A chats for SSA's and Q's posted on their website. They are also doing virtual office hours for questions that is continuing through April. DODD has asked ODH for feedback and is looking at dates to talk about partnership. DODD feels there seems to be some momentum from ODH to do this right now. The department is also working on a draft survey that would have plan authors enter information immediately after completing an ISP so that information is fresh on your mind as far as what's working, what's not, etc. Finally, the department reiterated was that they will not roll out the new ISP until it is 100% functional. Reach out to Scott or Rachel with any questions about the OISP.

SELF Waiver and SD Transportation: We also participated in the Waiver simplification workgroups on the implementation of the changes to the Self Waiver and the Self-Directed Transportation rule. These groups have been meeting for a few months, coming up with new materials and training as far as what these changes actually entail. Currently the SELF waiver group is working on a power point and handbook presentation. The training and the materials for the training clearly lay out what it means to have a Self Waiver and the services that come with that. The Transportation group has also developed and introductory training for the new service, as the state looks to procure an agency to act as the Financial Management System for the service. We look for all those materials to be coming out soon with the changes in effect July 1st. Please contact Scott or Rachel with any questions.

<u>Day & Employment 'Horizon':</u> A big thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's Day & Employment service committee meeting. We had a great turnout, and a lot of great discussion on transitioning agency policies regarding masking and health & safety after the recent CDC guidance and declining COVID case numbers. In addition to that discussion and hosting guests from OOD, we also reviewed the various rules and system initiatives on the horizon that will impact providers of day & employment services. Although there are many positive changes on the way, it is daunting considering the many challenges providers are currently facing and transitions we are still working through from recent rule changes. <u>You can review that slide here</u> and reach out to Scott with any questions about the different rules, services and initiatives slated for 2022.

ARPA ICF Payment: This week we had discussions with DODD regarding the upcoming ICF payments allocated through HB169. The department reiterated that they still do not have an exact date as to when the payments will go out, however they do believe it will be soon. These payments will be based on beds as of 3/1, not 12/31. You must be a provider "in good standing" to be eligible. Please contact Rachel with any questions.

<u>Velcro Coalition:</u> The 'VC' is an informal group of county boards and providers, led by OACB and OPRA, that meet quarterly to share promising practices in partnership and collaboration. 2022's first quarterly meeting's topic was 'pandemic-era pivots'. Contact Scott to be added the 'Velcro' email list.







In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

<u>Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD communications</u> included info on the upcoming OhioRISE trainings, an update on the Tech Ambassador project, regional OISP support, and DODD's upcoming provider trainings on personal funds and service documentation.

<u>PRF Phase 2 Reporting:</u> 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." <u>Click here for more information.</u>
<u>OSHA:</u> This week OSHA launched it's new <u>Covid-19 Inspection Initiative for Healthcare Employers.</u>

The initiative has a pretty narrow scope right now and only includes general medical and surgical hospitals, psychiatric and substance abuse hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities. Currently this does not include ICF's, but we will be watching this initiative closely in the case OSHA is looking to expand its scope.



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"Waiting Lists For IDD Services Balloon"

NACDD's resource page for Developmental
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CDC: U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by

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