

OPRA FRIDAY 5

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Retention Project: For the past few weeks we've mentioned a project that we've been working on with our workforce coalition (OACB, OWN, OHCA, VFA). This project/proposal aims to disburse quarterly payments to providers, representing 6.5% of their previous quarter's billing, that will be turned around into bonuses for eligible direct support staff. There are still many details and approvals to be worked out, but the project is progressing as the coalition signed off on a letter to DODD requesting the implementation of this project. We will share further details of the project as they are finalized. Director Hauck will likely need approval from the Governor and Department of Medicaid to move forward with the plan, as well as an Appendix K submission to CMS. We are hopeful that this can be approved and implemented as soon as possible. We are grateful to the county boards, who have agreed to fund the match needed for the project. More information will be coming soon.

ICF Budget Language: We met with Senator Romanchuk this week regarding the ICF 'Cap And rollback' language that was included in the last biennium budget bill. As we have talked about before, we need to remove that language with a new bill and secure funding for the formula. The Senator has agreed to introduce the language for consideration and we feel confident that will happen. We're also working with DODD to ensure that we have the funds to run the formula as well. We will continue to keep you posted as this bill progresses through the process and how you might be able to participate in providing testimony if needed. Please contact [Pete](#) with any questions on this topic.

Delegation Rates: We have recently discussed DODD increasing the waiver nursing delegation rates to align with other Medicaid services of a similar type. [You can review the new rates here.](#)

Behavior Support: In this week's Memo Monday, the Department sent a notice out about changes to the Behavior Support rule. We have been working with members to provide feedback to DODD on the changing rule, which has been modified again following its public hearing. [There are some really significant changes](#) and the department is looking to develop training regarding chemical restraints. We wanted to flag this item for you as implementation of the rule's changes are expected in October of 2022, and DODD hopes County Boards and ICFs will review their existing policies for alignment with the rule changes. We will continue to share information with members as implementation approaches and more training and resources are developed. [You can read the revised rule here](#), with the significant changes in the link above.

OSU Nisonger: A number of members reached out about the OSU Nisonger 'Building Bridges' project aimed at developing resources for those supporting people with dual mental health/DD Diagnoses. [The presentation from the last quarterly meeting can be found here.](#)

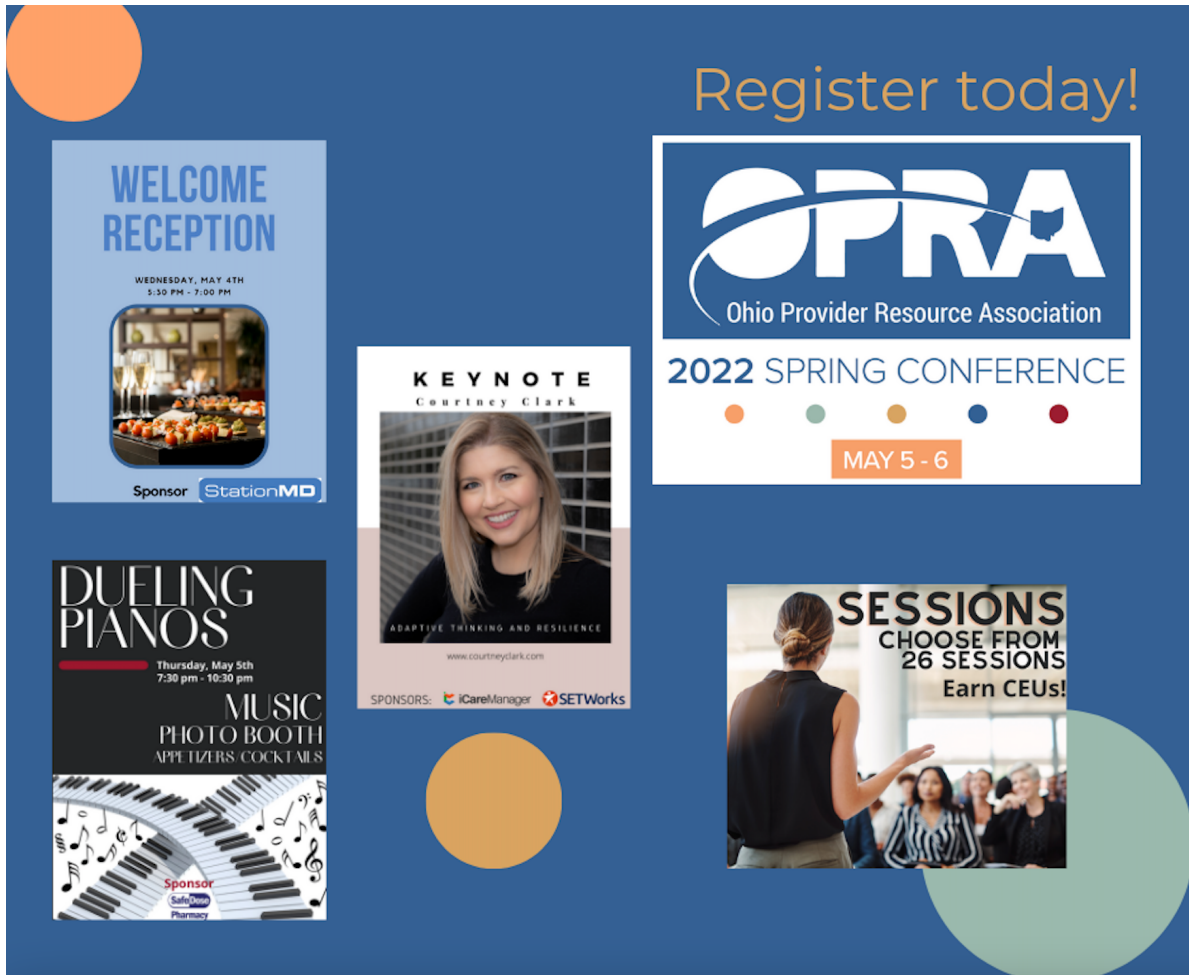
Self-Advocacy: I want to thank the Regional Self-Advocacy Group of Western Ohio for having me (Scott) at their most recent meeting to discuss the new OISP. We led a talk on the different categories in the assessment, goals, outcomes and how self-advocates can take the lead in their next ISP meeting. Speaking of the OISP, [read Director Hauck's message about its implementation here.](#)



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 implementation of the Behavior Support Rule (mentioned previously), as well as a Starfire webinar, OISP family support sessions and OSASS office hours.



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News and Resources

["Ohio reports 8,731 new COVID-19 cases; hospitalizations, deaths down as cases rise"](#)

["NPR: Pandemic staffing crisis leaves adult care facilities scrambling for support"](#)

["Tennessee Bans Sub-minimum Wages for Workers With Disabilities"](#)

[CDC: U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map](#)



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COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,123	0	1,606	2,729

- 1,606 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **2 additional positives** since the 4/22 report.
- There were **5 additional hospitalizations** since the 4/22 report. This is a total of 2,555 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,729 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 174 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 378 people served have passed away and tested positive for COVID-19. There were **0 additional confirmed deaths** since the 4/22 report.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 87 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 268 followed by Cuyahoga with 259.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 162 and Franklin had 146.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.21% of those tested and females 40.79%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 59.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
 - Black or African American-14% (60% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (52% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 79% (59% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (378) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.381%.
- 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 70 counties and 4 DCs (CDC, MVDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 29.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	29	Lucas	22	Richland	8
Allen	6	Fulton	2	Mahoning	8	Ross	2
Ashtabula	4	Gallia	4	Marion	1	Sandusky	7
Athens	2	Geauga	1	Medina	1	Scioto	2
Belmont	1	Greene	3	Meigs	1	Seneca	1
Brown	1	Hamilton	15	Miami	4	Stark	26
Butler	10	Hancock	5	Montgomery	15	Summit	18
Carroll	1	Hardin	1	Morgan	2	TDC	1
CDC	2	Henry	1	Morrow	2	Trumbull	10
Champaign	1	Highland	3	Muskingum	1	Tuscarawas	6
Clark	6	Holmes	2	MVDC	2	Vinton	1
Clermont	6	Huron	1	Noble	1	Washington	1
Clinton	1	Jefferson	2	NODC	4	Warren	8
Coshocton	7	Knox	3	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	24	Lake	12	Perry	4	Williams	1
Darke	2	Lawrence	2	Pickaway	2	Wood	4
Delaware	5	Licking	8	Pike	1	Wyandot	2
Erie	1	Logan	1	Portage	3		
Fairfield	5	Lorain	6	Preble	4	Grand Total	378

