OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MAY 20, 2022

DODD Staff Transitions: Over the past few days, DODD has announced several staff transitions, following the retirement of Kelly Miller, long-time Deputy Director of DODD's compliance and accreditation departments. Succeeding Kelly as the lead of the OSASS unit will be Lyndsay Nash, currently part of DODD's legal and oversight department. Stacy Collins will be the Assistant Deputy Director of Quality & Innovation and Beth Chambers has been named the lead on the statewide implementation of the Ohio ISP. We want to take this opportunity to thank Kelly for her years of service and leadership to Ohio's disability service system and congratulate those DODD staff on their new roles. We wish them all the best in their new roles and/or retirements! **Read DODD's announcement here.**

ICF Cap & Rollback: As we continue to advocate for a fix to the prior state budget's ICF language that leads to a 'cap & rollback' of the rate, we've learned this week that our legislative allies are planning to draft an amendment into a current bill intended to be heard soon in the Senate Health Committee. We have heard that there is support for both the House and Senate leader ship for this amendment. We will know more soon as to any advocacy efforts that we need to make so will be sure to keep the membership posted.

Blueprint: DODD's Rule & Waiver sub-committee met last week to move forward with the implementation of proposals emerging from the Blueprint committee. The primary focus of the meeting was an introduction to the 'Independent Rate Model' framework being used by the Milliman group to develop rate methodologies for potential changes to day array and employment services. There was also a robust discussion on 'provider types' and the different types and levels of professionals who provide services under the day array umbrella. The primary focus is on the 'non-work' proposal, which is intended to simplify and clarify expectations for the Adult Day Support service. **Click here to download the presentation from the meeting.**

Salary Survey: Thank you to all of the members who have completed OPRA's Salary & Compensation study this past month. We have extended the deadline for submission until the end of May, so there is still time to complete if you are interested. If you have any questions, or need a copy of the survey, please reach out to **Christine.**

ICF Reviews: We have heard from several members across the state regarding issues with the vaccine mandate and ODH surveyors, specifically regarding contracted services, mostly day services. This is an issue we have sought clarity on since the earliest days of the mandate, and it does not appear that these citations are in alignment with the interpretations offered by CMS. We have also heard of condition-level citations, which contradicts past discussions with CMS regarding 'good faith efforts' in coming into compliance with the mandate. Please reach out to OPRA if you have a review, especially if it does not align with the expectations as they have been communicated. Please reach out to **Rachel** with any questions or further feedback regarding reviews related to the vaccine mandate.

In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: Last week's roundup of DODD communications included information on the implementation of the OhioISP, including the statewide May gathering and OSSAS's virtual office hours, and info DODD's new 'Wellness Project', supporting staff wellness.

Ribbon-Cutting: We were thrilled to be on hand for ribbon-cutting ceremonies for two amazing initiatives in the OPRA membership. Pete attended the HELP Foundation's ceremony opening their new Help Harvest Greenhouse and Scott attended the ribbon-cutting for Threshold Residential Service's new Community Sensory Garden. These are two passion projects for both agencies that demonstrate the commitment to community development and connecting the people they support to others in the community. We would like to thank Tammy Honkala of the HELP Foundation and Chris Page of Threshold for inviting us to be a part of their ribbon-cutting events! See pics below!

HIPAA SPRING TRAINING
MAY 12, 19, 26

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UPCOMING COURSES
REGISTER TODAY!

May 12: "Permissible Uses of Private Information"
"impermissible use" is the single largest reason cited in privacy complaints filed with the Federal government. This session will address the full gamut of permissible uses of private information.

May 19: "Social Media Use, Marketing & HIPAA"
Are you setting the right policies and procedures to protect your organization to the extent possible?

May 26: "Privacy & Security Breaches in the Residential Sector"
This course will focus on actual breaches in the I/DD sector, why they happened, and how they might have been prevented.

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Upcoming Events

5/26: OPRA Training Workshop: HIPAA: Privacy & Security Breaches in the Residential Sector

6/2: OPRA Day Array Committee

News and Resources

"Ohio hits nearly 20,000 new COVID-19 cases in 1 week"

"CDC urges 2nd booster for older, high-risk Americans amid nation's latest COVID-19 surge"

"Governor DeWine Unveils New Communication Card to Help Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Individuals Communicate with Law Enforcement"

"New Ohio bill seeks to protect parents with disabilities, provide equality in court"

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COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,131	0	1,624	2,755

- 1,624 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **8** additional positives since the 5/13 report.
- There were **11** additional hospitalizations since the 5/13 report. This is a total of 2,577 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,755 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 178 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 382 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were **0** additional confirmed deaths since the 5/13 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 269 followed by Cuyahoga with 263.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 166 and Franklin had 147.

Testing Demographics:
- Males accounted for 59.09% of those tested and females 40.91%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 11 months 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 (382) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.386%.
- The ages of those who died range from 11 months-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 30.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	30	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	8	Knox	3	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	25	Lake	13	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	382