Blueprint: The Rule & Waiver Implementation sub-committee of the Blueprint workgroup met again this week to continue the work around redesigning the rate and service framework for non-work adult services, The Milliman consulting team led a discussion around the resources and staffing needed for ADS services delivered in the community, facility or hybrid models. The group also began to explore different outcome or value-based reimbursement models and how aspects of those models could potentially be introduced into the rate model. This potentially includes opportunities for reimbursement for some of the 'unfunded mandates' associated with ADS outcomes over the past several years. **Click here to download the presentation from this week's meeting.** Please reach out to **Scott** with any questions or feedback.
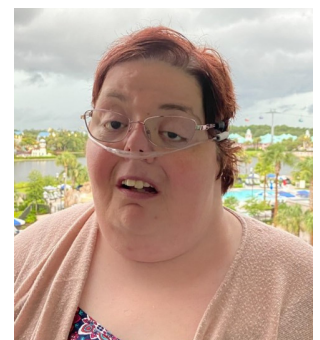
Leadership Training: We want to thank Scott Warrick and Jamie Steele for another session of 'Take Back Your Culture Now' leadership training this week. This week's session focused on how to ensure your agency has a culture where emotional safety is valued and prioritized and staff feel safe to be open and honest without retaliation or bullying. Thanks to Jamie and Scott for the thought-provoking discussion about how we can better help foster that sense of safety in our workplaces. **Click here to learn more about the series and how to register for the upcoming sessions.**

CMS QSOs: CMS has recently put out some new guidance regarding the vaccine mandate. **QSO-22-17-ALL** discusses the frequency of vaccination mandate survey compliance. Previously, vaccine compliance review was required with every survey. In the new QSO, CMS is now stating that ODH is not required to survey for vaccine compliance with every survey. An example would be a complaint survey that has nothing to do with vaccine compliance. In that instance, the surveyor does not need to survey vaccine mandate compliance. CMS is still requiring the vaccination mandate be surveyed for initial and recertification surveys. As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding this QSO or any survey related questions, please contact **Rachel.**

Provider Relief Fund: "Providers who received one or more Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments exceeding $10,000, in the aggregate, from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 must report on their use of funds during Reporting Period 3 (RP3). The PRF Reporting Portal for RP3 is now open and will remain open through September 30, 2022. HRSA will host technical assistance webcasts for new and returning reporting entities. Providers must register to attend:

- **New Reporting Entities: PRF Reporting Requirements Intro: July 12, 2022, 3:00-4:00 PM ET.**
- **Information for Returning Reporters: July 13, 2022, 3:00 – 4:00 ET."**

Rachel Rice: This week Ohio's DD and advocacy community mourns the passing of Rachel Rice, Vice-Chair of Ohio DD Council and UCEDD's Community Advisory Committee. Rachel was heavily involved in many self-advocacy initiatives and groups, including We Thrive Together and People First of Ohio and was commonly seen at advocacy events across the state. Her leadership and friendship will be missed by many and our hearts go out to her family and loved ones. **Rachel's obituary, as well as service and donation information can be found here.**

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download **DODD's Memo Monday**, containing the 'blackout' dates related to the PSM rollout, and info on a number of upcoming training opportunities.

HIPAA On-Demand: OPRA is introducing on-demand privacy and security training for staff! Training is a critical defense against intrusions that breach privacy and IT systems. Why? Because training provides awareness and vigilance. All it takes is one click on a malicious email or link to open a backdoor into even the most secure databases. In partnership with MyHIPAA Guide, OPRA is now offering an on-demand course for staff that will fulfill privacy and cybersecurity training requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Most importantly, this training will instruct staff on how to recognize suspicious activity and how to respond promptly and effectively. This 40-minute, virtual course includes four modules. Participants may only advance through each section after successfully answering quiz questions. **Click here to learn more!**

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Call for Speakers: OPRA is proud to announce the call for speaker proposals is officially open for the 2022 OPRA Fall Conference. The conference will be in person and hosted at Nationwide Conference Center on October 27th & 28th, 2022. **Click here to submit a proposal.**

Award Nominations: OPRA is pleased to announce the call for nominations are now open for the 2022 OPRA Annual Awards. The purpose of the OPRA Annual Awards is to honor dedicated service professionals, groups and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions in the I/DD Field. We encourage all member agencies to submit nominations to recognize those that have worked hard and dedicated their time to help support the people they serve.

You can **CLICK HERE** to be directed to the Annual Award Form to submit your nomination. You will be contacted no later than Friday, September 9th regarding the status of your nomination. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this year's nomination process.

Upcoming Events

7/7: Leadership Workshop: Take Back Your Culture Now - Part 3

7/7: Waiver Simplification General Live Chat

News and Resources

"Ohio's COVID-19 rollercoaster sees more up-and-down shifts in cases"

"Role identified for single gene linked to rare syndrome of epilepsy, autism and developmental disability"

"Social Security, SSI Benefits Expected To Increase Significantly"

CDC: 'Know Your COVID-19 Community Level' Map