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HB 716: Earlier this week, Ohio Reps Brigid Kelly and Dontavious Jarrells introduced [HB 716, which intends to eliminate the use of commensurate wages for workers with disabilities in Ohio](#). The bill has no Republican co-sponsors, which given the makeup of our legislature does not give it a very good outlook for passage in this General Assembly session, especially given how little time there is for committee hearings and processes. That said, we do believe that Representative Jarrells, the primary co-sponsor of the bill, will look to reintroduce this, or similar legislation when the next General Assembly begins in January. We have been working with our partners at The Success Group and meeting with key legislators on this topic around potential paths forward. We will be working closely with our board and committees on strategy and advocacy direction on this issue. Please contact [Scott](#) and/or [Christine](#) with any feedback or questions.

Workforce Workgroup: We participated in a meeting of the statewide Direct Care Workforce workgroup, which includes many cabinet agencies, including DODD, Medicaid, Health, Aging and more. The primary focus of the meeting was gathering feedback on the [Direct Care Worker PSA](#) released over the past few weeks, as well as [the corresponding OhioMeansJobs landing page](#) for the campaign. We learned that the PSA commercial has driven significant traffic to the OMJ page, but as we've seen in previous projects, website hits do not always directly correlate with increased application to work in our field, but it is an encouraging data point and we hope the campaign will be one of many solutions to the workforce shortage, the most important being a significant investment into disability and other human services. Please contact [Pete](#) with any questions.

Leasing/Sub-leasing Memo Clarification: After several discussions with DODD and system partners regarding [last week's memo about sub-leasing and provider-owned settings](#), DODD has agreed to clarify the memo. The clarification, which we expect in next week's Memo Monday, will include this language sent to us by DODD; "Licensed facilities can continue to be the landlord and provider for individuals, subject to the residency agreement requirements in Ohio Admin. Code 5123-2-09(F)(2)." We are working to better understand the scope of the sub-leasing issue in unlicensed settings and exploring options for people and providers who may be impacted by this guidance and are struggling to attain another residency/tenancy situation.

QIDP Training Committee: Last week we met with our friends at ANCOR to begin looking at developing a standardized training program for QIDPs. The Q position is vital to ICFs and unfortunately, has not been spared from the workforce crisis. We are looking at how we can develop a program for Qs that will look at all the necessary information, training, history of the Q position within ICFs. This will include everything from looking at how to write an ISP to what the requirements are. We are very excited to partner with ANCOR to look at developing this much needed training. . As we move through this process, which includes provider representatives nationwide, we will be sure to keep members updated. Contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.

PNM: Just a reminder that if you are trying to access DODD's Provider Services Management system, it is now unavailable until the new Provider Network Module becomes available sometime October 2022. If you have any questions regarding PSM, please email provider.certification@dodd.ohio.gov.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download [DODD's Memo Monday](#), containing the 'PASRR: What you Need to Know' webinar info, Community Integration FAQ and webinar, an update on the Blueprint workgroup and much more!

OOD SYWE & Capacity: Thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's Day & Employment service Committee meeting. During the meeting, we hosted Jay Burns and Stephanie Andrian from OOD, who provided some important updates, especially regarding follow-up from this year's Summer Youth Work Experience. OOD will be convening a provider workgroup to debrief and explore the experience with this past year's SYWE, in order to make changes and help ensure a better program experience next year. OOD will also be conducting a provider survey and working with their local field offices to try to work on more accurately understanding and referring for providers setting up SYWE programs. Additionally, Stephanie shared discussions OOD has been having regarding challenges in capacity for providing the Supported Employment-Job Development service and other vocational services statewide. OOD will be holding a meeting with association and provider representatives later in the month to begin working on how these capacity issues can be addressed. This may be an opportunity to review the CESP requirements for Employment staff looking to provide that service and we will keep members posted as this work moves ahead. Please contact [Scott](#) with any questions. Finally, [OOD's proposed revised fee schedule](#) has its JCARR hearing on Monday September 12th and We expect the fee schedule changes will be in effect on October 1st, 2022.

Provider Relief Fund: Don't forget- We are in the FINAL month for reporting on Phase 3 money received from the federal Provider Relief Fund distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. Reporting closes at the end of this month and failure to report will lead to the need to payback your PRF money. If you have any questions, please reach out to Christine.. Learn more [here](#) or reach out to [Christine](#).

ANCOR Policy Summit: Are you planning on attending [ANCOR's Policy Summit and Hill Day](#) in October? If so, please send [Christine](#) a message that you will be there! .

Upcoming Events

[9/7: OPRA District 3 Meeting](#)

[9/7: OOD Fee Schedule Q&A 10am-12pm](#)

News and Resources

["COVID-19 cases in Ohio rise after weeks of decline"](#)

["Ohio bill would expand services for kids with developmental delays"](#)

["Mike DeWine and Nan Whaley lay out their vision for state and local infrastructure needs"](#)

[CDC: 'Know Your COVID-19 Community Level' Map](#)



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COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,153	0	1,747	2,900

- 1,747 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were 8 additional positives since the 8/26 report.
- There were 5 additional hospitalizations (down from 10) since the 8/26 report. This is a total of 2,714 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,900 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 186 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 398 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 0 additional confirmed deaths since the 8/26 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).
- Cuyahoga had the most people hospitalized and tested with 279 followed by Franklin with 278.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 181 and Franklin had 156.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.34% of those tested and females 40.66%.
- 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 (398) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.402%.
- 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 31.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	31	Lucas	23	Richland	8
Allen	6	Fulton	2	Mahoning	8	Ross	2
Ashtabula	4	Gallia	5	Marion	1	Sandusky	7
Athens	2	Geauga	1	Medina	1	Scioto	2
Belmont	1	Greene	3	Meigs	2	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	7
Clark	6	Holmes	3	MVDC	2	Vinton	1
Clermont	6	Huron	1	Noble	1	Washington	1
Clinton	1	Jefferson	2	NODC	4	Warren	9
Coshocton	8	Knox	4	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	28	Lake	14	Perry	4	Williams	1
Darke	3	Lawrence	2	Pickaway	2	Wood	5
Delaware	5	Licking	8	Pike	2	Wyandot	2
Erie	1	Logan	1	Portage	3		
Fairfield	6	Lorain	6	Preble	4	Grand Total	398

The Department provides this weekly MUI updates based on COVID-19 related unanticipated hospitalizations and/or deaths entered into the Incident Tracking System. This data is not all inclusive. It does not include information about people who were suspected of having COVID-19 but not hospitalized, those who tested positive but were not hospitalized, people living with their families who were hospitalized when there was no provider present at time of hospitalization and COVID tested. For additional information and guidance, please visit [DODD COVID-19 Resources](#). Thank you.



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