

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

DRO Hearing: During last year's budget process, a legislative committee was formed to provide oversight of Disability Rights Ohio (DRO), Ohio's Protection and Advocacy (P&A) organization. That committee, which includes Senators Romanchuk, Brenner, John, Craig and chaired by Rep. Scott Lipps met this week to hear testimony about DRO, including their purpose, history and activity over the past few years. While the day saw testimony from DRO's Executive Director, Kerstin Sjoberg, and supporters from the ACLU, the hearing was primarily comprised of family advocates, sharing their experiences and concern over DRO's approach to ICF and day services. We want to thank Kurt Miller of Empowering People for his testimony and call for partnership and collaboration in supporting Ohioans with Disabilities. There will be another hearing on November 15th and we will provide more information about that as we have it. [To watch Tuesday's committee hearing, click here.](#)

CMS/ICF QSO: CMS recently released [QSO-23-02-ALL](#). There are several changes within this QSO that ICF's need to be aware of. This QSO consolidates much of the information from previous QSO's including QSO 22-07-ALL Revised, QSO 22-09-ALL Revised, and QSO 22-11-ALL Revised. There are some changes that may offer providers more discretion and flexibility, particularly around what types of precautions a facility can implement for mitigation of transmission. This is a very long QSO with specific information for ICF's on pages 60-71. [You may find more information, including a PowerPoint, on our website here.](#) Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.

Rule Revisions: Last week DODD sent out notice regarding several ICFIID rules that are up for a five-year review. [A list of the rules and an explanation of the changes can be found here on our website.](#) Should members have any questions, concerns, or comments, please make sure to let either [Rachel](#) or [Christine](#) know. OPRA will be submitting comment on the rule revisions.

DODD Day & Employment Survey: Last week DODD sent out an in-depth survey to all providers of Day and Employment providers as part of the Blueprint workgroup. We have already met with DODD to express concerns over the complexity of the survey and the applicability of the data, especially given the allotted for providers to complete, as it is due November 22nd. [The entire survey, as well as instructional videos and links to Livechats can be found here.](#) Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions, feedback, or additional concerns about the survey.

Conference: We would like to thank everyone who attended, participated and/or supported this year's Fall Conference. It was so great to see everyone for a fun few days of learning and networking. We were thrilled to hold our first in-person Awards Ceremony in 3 years! Congratulations and thanks to all of this year's award winners! Again, we are beyond grateful to our members, sponsors, vendors and presenters for making this conference such a memorable one and we look forward to seeing everyone again in Spring 2023!



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 information on the Public Health Emergency(PHE) extension, behavior support workshops, OTS changes, regional DSP meetings and much more!

Election!: The midterms election are next Tuesday, November 8th! We at OPRA really encourage you to participate in the election and be an informed voter! You find information more information with the below links. We also encourage you to share these resources with your staff and the people you support who are registered to vote.

[Find your Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and US House districts here.](#)

[Find out where you are registered to vote here.](#)

[Find out your polling location here.](#)

[Resources for voters with disabilities here.](#)



We wanted to share the DSP appreciation video below, created by our friends at Silfies Media, to kick off the 'Thankful Season. Click the video below to watch and feel free to share the link!

Pause. Reflect. Remember Your Impact This Thanksgiving Season.

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Upcoming Events

[11/9: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting](#)

[11/9: DODD Training- Medical Restraints and the Behavioral Supports Rule](#)

[11/14: DODD Livechat-Day & Vocational Provider Survey](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio's COVID-19 maps worsens with 7 counties designated red by CDC for high transmission concerns"](#)

["How disabled Ohioans can cast their vote at home or at the polls"](#)

["2022 Midterm Election: A guide to Ohio's governor race between Mike DeWine, Nan Whaley"](#)

["The Forgotten DEI Groups?: Inclusion Goes Beyond Race and Gender "](#)



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