

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 18, 2022

**OISP Extensions:** Following the last year of member feedback, OPRA has been involved heavily in advocating on our member's behalf regarding implementation of the OISP. On Wednesday of this week, [Director Hauck put out a notice indicating that DODD is extending the deadline](#) by which all county boards and ICFs must have completed their transition to the OISP by 6 months from the current deadline listed in the rule. This means that all assessments and individual service plans required by OAC 5123-3-03 and OAC 5123-4-02 must be in OISP no later than June 30, 2024, with matching adjustments made to the SSA rule. Additionally, DODD is increasing character limits throughout the OISP as well as increasing training and technical assistance to county boards, waiver providers, and ICF's across the state to prioritize onboarding efforts.

**Training Resource:** Yesterday Rachel sent out an email about a new training resource from CMS that specifically targets ICF's as part of their Quality in Focus training. Additionally, within the application, there is a section on training surveyors which may provide some perspective. There are sample plans of correction, and a catalog of different trainings available for staff. This is a great resource for ICF's. [Click here for the Quality, Safety & Education Portal Training Catalog.](#) Please reach out to [Rachel](#) if you need assistance navigating the website.

**OOD CESP:** If all goes to plan, [OOD's proposal to pilot a CESP 'mentorship model'](#) to help address capacity for Supported Employment-Job Development will be in effect on 12/1/22.

**Elections Continued:** Since last Tuesday's mid-term elections, more races have been determined and the makeup of the legislatures both in Washington and Ohio are taking further shape. Federally, it appears the Republicans will take back control of the House of Representatives, while Democrats will retain the Senate, with 50 or 51 seats, depending on next month's run-off in Georgia. Current House Speaker Nancy Pelosi indicated yesterday she would step down from her leadership position in the party. [In Ohio, Rep. Derek Merrin, who represents a district in Northwest Ohio, is set to become the next Speaker of the House](#), following a vote within Ohio's House GOP earlier this week.

**CMS Webinar:** This week we participated in a webinar hosted by CMS titled 'Themes Identified During CMS's Heightened Scrutiny Site Visits'. Some highlights from this webinar included: an overview of the site visit process, recurring themes within sites that CMS has thus far visited, issues regarding person-centered plans and individual choice, and staff training on the settings rule. [Please check out the PowerPoint from the webinar on our website.](#)

**Rep. Seitz Award:** Today Pete is traveling to Cincinnati to present one of two Legislative Champion awards to Representative Bill Seitz. Thank you to St. Joseph's Home for hosting the presentation of the award. It is fitting that the award is being presented at an ICF, since Rep. Seitz played a key role in eliminating the ICF Cap and Rollback language last summer. Rep. Seitz has a great knowledge and dedication to our field and we look forward to working with him in support of next year's state budget.



# 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 rescheduled medical restraints webinar, User interface changes for the Outcome Tracking System(OTS), end-of-year billing cycles and OISP support sessions.

**Board Elections:** We'd like to thank everyone who ran for a seat on the OPRA board and also those of you who voted. Today is the last day to vote. Due to state regulations, all votes must be submitted by mail and today is the last day to submit your vote, so it must be postmarked today to count. If you haven't received a ballot, or if you have any questions please contact reach out to [Sonya](#).

**DRO Hearings:** The Joint Committees to Examine the Protection and Advocacy System (Disability Rights Ohio) hosted their second hearing earlier this week. We anticipate the Joint Committee will release a report in the coming months summarizing the testimony from the hearings in the coming months. [You can watch the testimony here.](#)

**HC Committee:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Health Care Committee on Tuesday. [You can access the handouts from OBN here.](#)

Pause. Reflect. Remember Your Impact This Thanksgiving Season.

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YOU!



## Upcoming Events

[11/23: Happy Thanksgiving!](#)

[11/29: DODD Workshop: Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

[12/1: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

## News and Resources

["Ohio reports 10,170 more COVID-19 cases: weekly coronavirus update for Thursday, Nov. 17"](#)

["Gov. DeWine addresses redistricting drama, shares priorities for next term"](#)

["Polls vs. election results: How accurate were they in Ohio?"](#)

["Addressing Wages of The Direct Care Workforce Through Medicaid Policies"](#)

