

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Retention Program: The portal to 'opt-in' to the 6.5% Retention program went live this week on Tuesday. We've received several emails about the portal not working properly, or providers being locked out. We believe that most of those issues have been patched/fixed by DODD, but if you are still having issues accessing the portal, please let us know. We have also received several questions from members about different aspects of the program, especially around the 2 different payment options. We are working with our partners at Vorys to develop an FAQ around many of the more complicated/nuanced aspects of the options. If you have not done so, we encourage you to view [DODD's webpage](#) dedicated to the program.

Please send your questions on the Retention Bonus Program to any member of the OPRA team.

Blueprint Proposal: Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Day & Employment meeting. We appreciate all of the strong feedback regarding the proposal developed by DODD and Milliman through the Blueprint workgroup. We share the same concerns and frustrations with many aspects of the proposal and will work with our members and committees to develop feedback, alternatives and counter-proposals. You can find the proposal in this [PowerPoint](#). Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions, feedback or alternative ideas to this proposal.

Ohio House Leadership: This week marked the start of the 135th General Assembly. On Tuesday, in a surprise vote, the House elected Jason Stephens into the Speaker's role. For more than a month, we anticipated Representative Derek Merrin would claim the gavel after a Republican-only vote showed Rep. Merrin had the votes for the role. However, 22 Republicans and every House Democrat, voted for Representative Stephens, delivering him the role. This change in leadership will also likely impact who will be House committee chairs and who will be hearing our system's budget request. [To read more about the vote, click here.](#)

House Majority (Republicans)	House Minority (Democrats)
Speaker of the House: Rep. Jason Stephens	Minority Leader: Rep. Allison Russo
Speaker Pro Tempore: Rep. Scott Oelslager	Assistant Minority Leader: Rep. Dontavius Jarrells
	Minority Whip: Rep. Jessica Miranda
	Assistant Minority Whip: Rep. Tavia Galonski

Senate Majority (Republicans)	Senate Minority (Democrats)
President: Sen. Matt Huffman	Minority Leader: Sen. Nickie Antonio
President Pro Tempore: Sen. Kirk Schuring	Assistant Minority Leader: Sen. Hearcel Craig
Majority Floor Leader: Sen. Rob McColley	Minority Whip: Sen. Kent Smith
Majority Whip: Sen. Theresa Gavarone	Assistant Minority Whip: Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson

US House Leadership: And just like here in Ohio, there has also been a bit of drama surrounding the US House Speakers race. Representative Kevin McCarthy, minority leader from last Congress, was projected to face staunch opposition from his own party, despite no other Republican congressperson legitimately running right now. After 12 rounds of voting, the US House of Representatives is at an absolute standstill. [You can read more here.](#)



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download [DODD's Pipeline](#), which contains info on the waiver redesign contractor, the retention payment program, In-person technology trainings, and the latest 'Medical Moment with Dr. Sorg'.

PRF: Phase 4 of reporting for the federal Provider Relief Fund will open at the beginning of the new year and will remain open through March 31st. [You can learn more here](#) or by emailing [Christine](#) with any questions.

Town Hall Tuesday: We will be hosting a Town Hall Tuesday on 1/24/23 at 8:30am with our partners at Aetna and the Ohio Department of Medicaid on OhioRISE and how providers can help multi-system youth they serve access OhioRISE services. [You can register here](#). Any questions about the Town Hall can be directed to [Christine](#).



CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

We are now accepting proposals for the 2023 Spring Conference! Learn more and submit your proposal [here](#).



Upcoming Events

[1/11: OPRA Workshop - Why You Need to Automate Your Employee Onboarding Process and How to Do It Sponsored by Intellinetics](#)

[1/20: Friday 5: Budget Coalition Presentation from The Impact Group](#)

[1/24: Town Hall Tuesday: OhioRISE](#)

[Click here for DODD January Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["It's spreading quickly': Northeast Ohio doctors concerned about new COVID-19 variant"](#)

[NYT Opinion: Essay My Daughter Expects to Work. Will She Make Only \\$3.35 an Hour?](#)

[Sweeping criminal justice reforms to become law with Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's signature](#)

[Disability Scoop: "Larger SSI, Social Security Payments On The Way"](#)

