

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 closes this upcoming Monday, January 16th. We appreciate your patience as we have tried to answer all of your questions and develop additional resources to help you navigate the program, and make decisions around opting in. We posted the questions we answered this morning and the Vorys memo on overtime considerations to the OPRA website. You can access the resources [here](#). You will need to log in to your OPRA website account in order to access and download the resources. Just a reminder that the two prepared resources are benefits of your OPRA Membership. Please do not forward them to anyone outside of your organization.

ICF Rules: A few weeks ago the department put out a proposed rule change regarding rule 5123:7-12 or cost report and chart of accounts including expenses related to technology solutions. OPRA expressed our concern that the department had put in the rule that expenses related to a technology solution were to be reported on the cost report and this included grants, fund raising, and donations. This week we heard back from the department and based on your concerns and OPRA's advocacy, the department revised the rule to take out the part regarding grants, fund raising and donations.

ODH/DODD Meeting: This week we had the opportunity to sit down with our colleagues at ODH and DODD. During this meeting we gathered some data from both agencies. [Click here to read more and see the citation data shared in the meeting.](#)

OOD Stakeholder Meeting: OOD held their quarterly stakeholder meeting this week. Assistant Deputy Stephanie Andrian reported that the backlog in billing has gotten down to 6 days, and promised no new form updates for the foreseeable future! They also discussed [the new Summer youth on-demand training](#) and the new accessible provider scorecards. Going through recent service data, it appears that while almost all other categories, like plans and eligibilities, are up from last year. Overall placement closures have been down. OOD primarily attributed this to the focus on PRE-ETS and the increase in transition youth being served now.

Metric	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	Percent Change
Eligibility Decisions	3,880	4,246	9.4%
Plans Written	2,453	2,668	8.8%
Eligible + Served	22,247	23,259	4.5%
Closed with Employment	1,402	1,190	-15.1%
Average Wage	\$13.49	\$15.41	14.2%
Average Hours	27.6	27.7	0.4%

Regulatory Reform Groups: Two of Our budget coalition regulatory reform groups met this week to further develop our proposals regarding the upcoming waiver redesign work as well as the provider certification rule. The waiver group continued to hash out the 'must-haves' proposal for DODD and the Deloitte consulting group as they begin their process of redesigning many aspects of the waiver reimbursement system. Then we had the first meeting of the provider certification group, which focused on building out proposals for the rule including the permanent allowance for those under 18 and without a HS Diploma or GED to work in the field, as well as training flexibility and elimination of duplicate processes and training. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions or feedback.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download [Memo Monday](#), containing information on the Retention Bonus program, Outcome Tracking System, waiver redesign vendor, 1099 forms, and OSASS training series and OISP regional gatherings.

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

[1/17: OPRA Marketing & Communications Committee Meeting](#)

[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

["HHS extends COVID-19 public health emergency to April"](#)

["DeWine announces second term staff appointments"](#)

["Law removing harmful language on mental health, disabilities praised by advocates"](#)

["IRS Increases Limit For ABLE Accounts"](#)

