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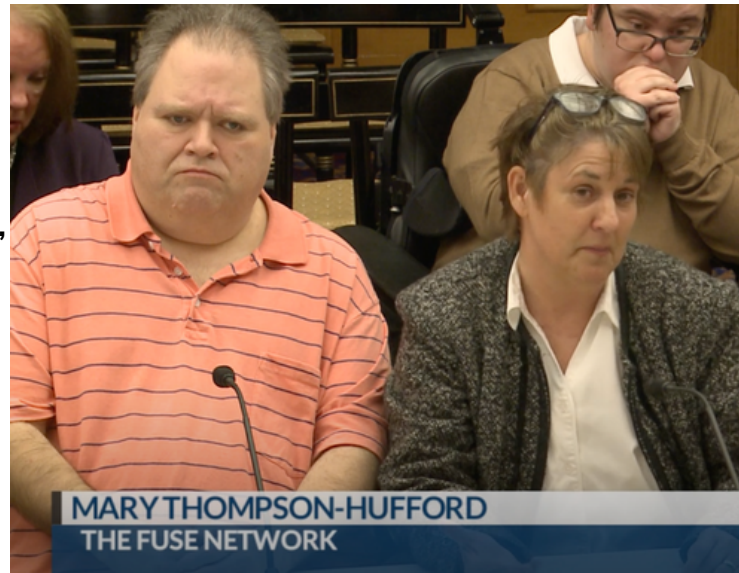
News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MARCH 24, 2023

Budget Testimony: Thank you to everyone who submitted written testimony and provided verbal, in-person testimony in the HHS subcommittee. We want to thank the OPRA members that provided verbal testimony in the Subcommittee: Open Door, St. Joseph Home, RT Industries, Independence of Portage County, Fuse Network, RHAM, Koinonia, Echoing Hills, Heinzerling, and Empowering People! You should be proud of your fellow OPRA members for advocating our system, the services we all provide, and most importantly the people you serve and the people you employ.

[You can see all of the written testimony here.](#)

[You can watch all the in-person testimony here.](#)



Since the sub-committee completed their hearings and now the bill will be heard in the full House Finance Committee. The full House Finance Committee will have their first day of testimony next Tuesday and will continue through Thursday and then on the following Tuesday. [Christine](#) sent instructions on how to submit written testimony to the House Finance Committee with a template. If you submitted testimony during the sub-committee, you will need to make a few tweaks in the heading and in the body of the testimony before submitting your testimony. If you submitted to the subcommittee, we encourage you to submit again. If you were not able to submit to the subcommittee- we encourage you to submit for the first time!

Blueprint: Following stakeholder feedback, this week DODD reconvened a stakeholder workgroup to refine and further develop the '[quality program](#)' component of the [Blueprint ADS proposal](#). DODD's Keith Banner led the discussion, which mainly focused on a 'SWOT analysis' of the current proposal to determine which elements to build upon, modify, or abandon. This group will meet regularly for the next month with a goal of a consensus program that can be piloted by late 2023.

Commercial NMT: Last month, DODD proposed changes to the Non-Medical Transportation rule, further restricting what providers can qualify as 'commercial' transporters. As we advocated against these changes, we also proposed an alternative service specifically for transporting people into the community for work. DODD will look to develop this/rule service in 2024 and have 'grandfathered' any providers currently using the commercial code to transport people to competitive employment for the next year while the new service is developed. [Click here to read the clearance comments.](#)

GSFO Grant: Our friends at the Good Shepherd Foundation of Ohio have shared their 2023 grant application, which supports extracurricular activities for people living in residential service settings. [You can download the application here.](#) Applications are due May 5th, 2023.

PHE: This week the Biden Administration has made the decision to [disband their COVID task force](#) in May. This coincides with the ending of the Public Health Emergency on May 11th.



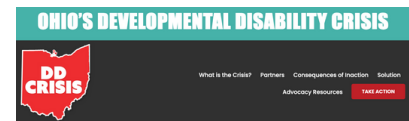
In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday/Pipeline: Click here to download DODD's [Memo Monday](#), including the two surveys referenced on our morning call, info on the upcoming OSSAS training series, provider resource and support 'open door' hours, and more.

PRF: Don't forget that reporting on phase 4 funds is now live and will remain open till the end of March! Please contact [Christine](#) with any questions.

Spring Conference: Registration is live for OPRA's 2023 Spring Conference. We are so excited to see everyone on May 18-19 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center. Please see our keynote announcement on page 3 and [click here for all of your conference and registration info!](#)



Share YOUR Story

You'll find an easy-to-use web portal below where you can share YOUR story! That story may then be shared with key legislators so they understand the very real and immediate human impact of this crisis. Simply click [Share YOUR Story](#) below and follow the prompts in the online survey tool. There will be several survey questions and then you'll have an opportunity to share your story.

Upcoming Events

[3/29: 2023 Spring Nursing Symposium \(See flyer on next page\)](#)

[4/6: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[Click here for DODD March Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["Ohio COVID-19 county map improves; Cuyahoga joins most of Ohio in green for low spread"](#)

["Gov. Mike DeWine highlights education components of his proposed budget"](#)

["Congress Could Make Waiting Lists For Disability Services A Thing Of The Past"](#)

["DeWine encourages businesses not to exclude people with disabilities"](#)





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Complimentary Invitation

2023 SPRING NURSING SYMPOSIUM

IDD/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: GETTING BETTER TOGETHER!

(Attendance limited to Nurses, Executive Director, and Agency Leadership)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023 | 7:45AM–12:30PM

Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris Hotel

409 Altair Pkwy, Westerville, OH 43082

LIVE (IN-PERSON) SYMPOSIUM | ATTENDANCE IS COMPLIMENTARY

3.25 CE's (NURSING) BREAKFAST & SNACKS INCLUDED (NO CHARGE)

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SESSIONS INCLUDE

Impact/Overview of Stress, Anxiety, and Depression

- Introduction: Nanette Wrobel, RPH
- Stress: Mary Pelletier, RN, CDDN
- Anxiety: Deb Maloy, RN, CDDN
- Depression: Nanette Wrobel, RPH

Medication Treatment of Anxiety and Depression

- Nanette Wrobel, RPH.

Question and Answer with our Experts

- Mary Pelletier, RN, CDDN
- Nanette Wrobel, RPH
- Deb Maloy, RN, CDDN
- Kathy Brown, RN, CDDN



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May 18-19, 2023

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