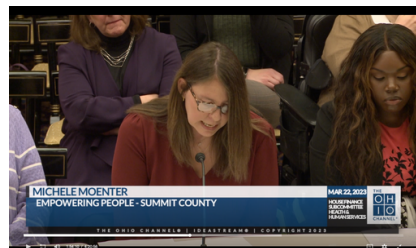
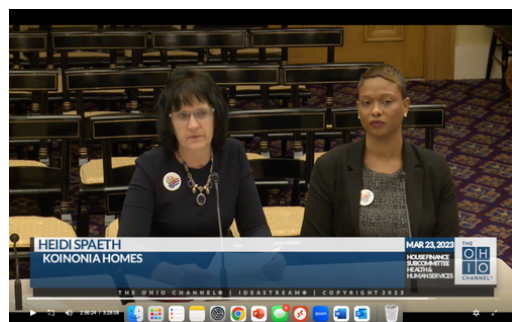


# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MARCH 31, 2023

**House Finance Committee:** House Bill 33, the state biennium operating budget bill, has now been brought to the the full House Finance Committee. As the committee holds hearings, we are seeking support to build beyond the Governor's proposed DSP wage increase to \$16, and achieve our ask of a 50% rate increase for waiver services and 40% increase in direct ICF services. Budget amendments are due April 5th. While we have seen great support to increase DSP wages, with several reps calling for a \$20 average wage, while other are likely concerned about the costs of such an increase, and others are likely to vote no on any budget the committee presents. We would like to give a huge 'thank you' to everyone who traveled to Columbus to give in-person Testimony this week, including Melinda Cale, Holly Cordez, Jason Harris, Dr. Jason Jolly, Tony Thomas, Mary Nix and Michelle Madden. We would also like to thank those of you who submitted written testimony. While there were plans for further hearing next week, including from our budget coalition panel, we are now hearing the committee may postpone next those hearings. Please reach out to Christine with any questions about the budget submitting testimony. Below are pictures from last week's HHS Sub-Committee hearings.



# In Case You Missed It...

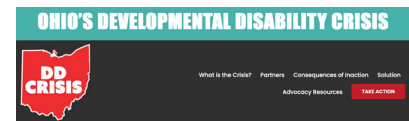
Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday/Pipeline:** Click here to download DODD's [Memo Monday](#), including information on the 2023 Innovation Series, DSP-U opportunities for high school students, upcoming behavioral support workshops, the OSSAS training series and more.

**GSFO Grant:** Our friends at the Good Sheperd 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.

**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

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## Upcoming Events

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

[4/11: OPRA HR Committee](#)

[Click here for DODD April Trainings](#)

## News & Resources

["Putting developmental disabilities awareness into action"](#)

["Ohio transportation budget, rail safety regulations wait on DeWine signature"](#)

["Voices of Unity: Vocational Guidance Services"](#)

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