

OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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ADS Pilot Approved: This week we learned from DODD that CMS has approved the ARPA funding for the ADS Quality Pilot. DODD is currently finalizing the timelines for application and program start. DODD is planning to release a full communication to the field on Monday, Sept 25th, with additional webinars planned over the next 2 weeks. We believe the application materials will be available with that memo, but not sure when the actual application submission period will begin at this point. [Click here for the Pilot Technical Implementation guide](#). It will be important for applying agencies to begin considering your staffing and technological improvement plans as outlined in the guide. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

DOL Rule: Thank you to everyone who joined our special HR Committee meeting this week to discuss DOL's proposed changes to the EAP regulation. Linked below you will find the slides and a PDF copy of ANCOR's survey. You can use the PDF for data collection purposes but please also submit the information through the below link. [Click here](#) to see the recording of the meeting, powerpoint presentation and link to ANCOR survey. Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

OOD Updates: We met with OOD (a few different times) this week to discuss the fee schedule updates, Works 4 Me project, among other topics. We learned 2 important updates this week; first is that OOD is planning to extend the 'CESP Waiver' for Supported Employment Job Development services for another year. The waiver allows a CESP to oversee other staff providing the SE-JD service. It will be renewed for another year in December. We also learned that the 'REACH 2.0' service, which pays for outreach to potential and former OOD participants, will launch in January of 2024. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

CMS Call: This week CMS held their national call. CMS is very interested in the status of this COVID resurgence across the country right now. It was relayed that many ICF's feel like they are in a state of flux regarding this issue and would like some clearer guidance from CMS. If you feel your ICF has been greatly impacted by the ending of the PHE, please let [Rachel](#) know as she will take this information back to CMS. Also discussed was the QIDP credentialing challenges, the current status regarding TB screening requirements and the new Payment Transparency and Reporting rule. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions or more information about the meeting.



Event: On Monday, Pete was able to join Tony Thomas and Meg Nachtwey from Welcome House at a fundraiser for Rep. Jay Edwards and Rep. Tom Patton. Both Representatives were instrumental in the historic increases we received in this budget and it was because of the efforts of many of you building those pivotal and great relationships. We want to give a special shout out to Tony Thomas, for his energy and advocacy through the budget process. Thank you Tony for being such a great friend to the OPRA community.



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](#), which includes info on the Updated Changes to Shared Living Rule, the RFP for Regional Technology Hubs, Suicide Prevention Month, Updated Regional Liaison Map and more.

Compensation Study Group: In preparation for next year's OPRA Compensation & Benefits report, we held a meeting of an ad-hoc workgroup to best determine providers' data needs. Please reach out to [Christine](#) if you have any feedback regarding the compensation study.



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Upcoming Events

[10/5: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[10/19: Webinar: Benefits of Sandata's Full-Featured Agency Management System and RCM](#)

[10/25: OPRA PAC Fundraiser at Top Golf](#)

[10/26-27: OPRA Fall Conference](#)

[Click here for DODD September Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["Ohio Statehouse announces addition of height-adjustable universal changing table to meet needs of people with disabilities"](#)

["Ohio Redistricting Commission fails to meet Friday"](#)

["End Of Pandemic-Era Policies Could Hit HCBS Utilization Hard"](#)

["Ohio Democrats introduce bill that would raise the state's minimum wage"](#)



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