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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Marijuana Law Update: This week, the Ohio General Assembly spent most of the week debating changes of the recently passed Issue 2 (adult, recreational marijuana use law). Unlike Issue 1, the issue 2 was a citizen-led statutory change instead of a Constitutional change and is thus subject to change by the General Assembly. The Senate passed their version of changes, and we now wait for the House to either propose their own version, amend what the Senate passed, or concur with the Senate. [You can read about the changes here.](#)

MUI Group: This week OPRA participated in a meeting of the committee that is looking at rule revision for the MUI rule. We have a mix of folks from all areas of service including members of county boards, IA's, providers, individuals requiring services, as well as other entities looking at this rule. We are in the process of discussing issues regarding pending investigations as well as how consistent training methods across all counties can be applied. If there are areas of concern within the current MUI rule, please reach out to [Rachel](#).

HB 236: This week, we attended an Interested Party meeting for HB 236, the 'Never Alone Act', which allows people in congregate care settings to designate someone to advocate on their behalf. [You can read the bill language here.](#) If you have thoughts, concerns, or comments on the legislation, please email them to [Christine](#).

Tele-health: OPRA met with the group formed by the department to look at tele-health services being utilized as a waiver service. We have talked extensively about the importance of tele-health during the pandemic and further. Currently we are looking at the models of service in the states of Missouri and Pennsylvania to gather information as we move forward. We are on a very tight timeline with this as we want to be ready to file by April but also have the waiver amendment over to ODM by January.

SB 143: A few years ago, while Senator Romanchuk was in the House, he introduced a bill regarding the way residential and commercial electricity rate payers are billed and the various fees on the bill. It is a bit technical, but currently electricity providers have the ability to add whatever fees they want to bills and do not have to be transparent about the what the fees are. This bill requires more oversight of that process and make electricity providers justify their rates in front of the PUCO.

[SB 143 Analysis and Summary](#)

[SB 143 Language](#)

OOD: Fee Schedule: OOD is holding regional provider listening sessions to help inform potential upcoming fee schedule changes. Please reach out to [Scott](#) if you need info on these sessions.

Building Bridges: We are a part of the 'Building Bridges' state advisory team, which met earlier this week. Building Bridges is a grant project run by the OUS Nisonger and funded by the Administration on Disability and The Administration on Community Living aiming to improve mental health services for adults with intellectual disability/developmental disabilities. The grant team has developed a number of [resources that can be found here](#) and will be launching project opportunities for providers in the new year. Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.



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 Appendix K Updates & ODM Resources, the RFP for Bringing Fathers Forward, Applications for Remote Support Platform Assistance, the combination Code in MSS being Discontinued and more!



GIVE Cleveland: Want to congratulate Steve Colecchi, Tammy Honkala, Karen Knavel, Beth Lucas and Patrick Maynard for making the GIVE Cleveland 200 list, which recognizes the top nonprofit leaders in North East Ohio. We are proud and excited to see so many members of the OPRA community be recognized!

Issue 2 Resources: Christine added an Issue 2 resource center for members on the OPRA website. You can access the page [here](#)- This page is behind the membership wall. If you have trouble accessing your account, please reach out to [Sonya](#) for assistance.

HIPAA Survey: To better tailor our services to your needs, we invite you to participate in a brief survey about our upcoming HIPAA workshop series provided by our Partner: [MyHIPPA Guide](#). Your input is invaluable to ensure we meet your expectations. [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#). Thank you for taking a moment to share your valuable feedback with us. Please reach out to [Melissa](#) with any questions.

Upcoming Events

[12/12: OPRA HR Committee](#)

[12/14: OPRA Health Care Committee](#)

[12/20: OPRA Residential Waiver Committee](#)

[12/20: OPRA ICF Committee](#)

[Click here for DODD December Trainings](#)

News & Resources

["Toward Economic Security: The Impact of Income and Asset Limits on People with Disabilities"](#)

["Voc Rehab Agencies Told To Beef Up Their Offerings"](#)

["Supreme Court Throws Out Closely Watched ADA Case"](#)

["Gov. DeWine pushing passage of marijuana regulation bill hours before use is legal"](#)

