

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

**Election Update:** Christine and Pete provided an update on the results of the election and what it could mean for providers. [You can view the PowerPoint here.](#) Key Ohio election results are outlined below. Please contact [Christine](#) with any questions.

## **US House of Representatives:**

- Toss-up seats- Reps. Sykes and Landsman held on to seats.
- Rep. Kaptur's district still counting, but Kaptur leads.

## **US Senate:**

- Incumbent Senator Sherrod Brown lost his re-election bid to political newcomer Bernie Moreno.

## **President-elect Trump and Senator JD Vance will take office in January:**

- Senator Vance will vacate his Senate role
- Governor DeWine will select Senator Vance's replacement

## **Ohio House:**

- Democrats flipped 2 seats
- In District 10, Democratic Councilman Mark Sigrist defeated Republican Brian Garvine. In District 11, Republican Senator Stephanie Kunze lost to Democratic challenger Crystal Lett.

## **Ohio Senate:**

- No major surprises or upsets
- Democrats now have 9 members
- Anticipate a Senate President McColley; Finance Chair Cirino

## **All County Board levies on the ballot passed: Congrats!**

**MUI Rule:** The [proposed MUI RULE](#) is ready to be moved on to clearance. Please note that the terminology of "Accidental or Suspicious Death" has been removed from the rule and replaced with "Unexpected or Unanticipated Death". OPRA is very pleased with this change as it provides for more consistency with the CMS Access Rule while removing any negative connotation that could be implied with the term 'suspicious'. Additionally, there have been some verbiage changes to the Unanticipated Hospitalization section to provide for more clarity. Although the rule is being submitted for clearance, there will still be a time to submit official comment on the rule. If you would like to provide official comments to the rule, please email [Rachel](#).

**Committee:** Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in yesterday's Day and Employment service committee meeting. In the meeting we discussed the development of 2 sub-committees; a group for Project Search Providers to discuss challenges and best practices and a 'Subject Matter Expert' group of members who have transitioned from 14c services. Please contact [Scott](#) if you are interested in joining or learning more about each group.

**Learning Collab.:** Thanks to all of the members who are a part of OPRA's Just Culture Learning Collaborative. The group held its 2nd session this week with facilitator [Mary Lou Bourne](#).



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** Click here to read this week's DODD [Memo Monday](#), including the 1-pager resources for January's waiver changes and services, information on upcoming trainings and webinars, OISP side-by-side trainings and more!

**VocFit:** Yesterday's committee meeting also included a presentation from Dennis Cleary, of Indiana University on the VocFit tool, an assessment that helps match job-seekers to best-fitting jobs. [You can learn more about how to get started with VocFit here!](#)

**Upcoming Workshop-Employee Responsibilities for Privacy & Cybersecurity:** An Employee Responsibilities Policy is a key requirement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Why? Because everyone across an organization must stand guard as protectors of privacy and security. As the Feds emphasize, small measures can prevent big problems. This session covers simple precautions that apply to all staff members, such as appropriate internet usage and activities to avoid.

## **Learning Objectives & Competency Building**

- Requirements of an Employee Responsibilities Policy
- Daily procedures necessary to align with policy
- Best practices to meet policy objectives

**Date:** November 13th

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm EST

**Fee:** \$100

**Virtual**

## **Featured Content**

- Checklist on employee responsibilities for privacy and security

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

**Adult Use Cannabis FAQ:** These FAQs are divided into two basic categories- first with questions regarding to what policies you can implement as employers and then move to questions about what policies you can implement as providers. This is intended to be a "living" document. As you continue to sort through situations involving recreational marijuana, please feel free to send them to us and we will update the document to provide additional guidance. [The FAQ document can be found here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any additional questions.

## **Upcoming Events**

11/13 & 11/20: DODD NMT Webinars on new Special Per-Trip Rate.

11/13: HIPAA Workshop - Employee Responsibilities for Privacy & Cybersecurity

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

## **News & Resources**

"2024 central Ohio general election results"

"Delta Seeks Approval For Seats To Accommodate Wheelchairs In Flight"

"Community Development Pioneer John McKnight dies at 92"

"Experiences of Direct Care Workers and Family Caregivers of HCBS Services"

