

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

APRIL 18, 2025

**State Budget:** The Ohio Senate is underway with hearings on HB 225, the state biennium operating budget. Relevant committees are currently holding hearings with various state departments. The Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) will testify in the [Senate Medicaid Committee](#) later this month, we expect the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you happen to live or provide services in the districts of any of the committee members, we encourage your advocacy and are happy to help you connect if needed. We will coordinate additional testimony opportunities with our budget coalition as there may be opportunities for in-person as well as written member testimony. Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

[You can read more about the bill here.](#)

[You can read the full budget bill text here.](#)

**Federal Budget:** Congress is on recess, following last week's passage of [a concurrent budget resolution](#). The resolution still instructs the House Energy and Commerce Committee (which oversees Medicaid funding) to cut \$880B over the next decade. This week we saw a [dozen Republican legislators sign onto a letter](#) urging House leadership not to make significant cuts to Medicaid, citing the harm to vulnerable populations and state health systems. The relevant committees have a deadline of May 9<sup>th</sup> to submit their proposals to their respective leadership. OPRA will continue to advocate for solutions that do not impact disability services.

**Trade Meeting:** This week Pete and Rachel met with the ICF Trade Association group that also includes ODH. It was reported by ODH that they continue to focus on their plan of completing all recertifications and are working to get between 20-30 recertifications done per month to address the backlog.

**Committee Meetings:** Thank you to all who attended our Residential Resources meeting on Wednesday. If you missed it, the meeting recording and power points are on our website. OPRA would also like to thank Ann Weisent and Lisa Burt from DODD for attending our meeting and providing updates. Reach out to [Rachel](#) if you have any questions. Please check out these resources related to the committee meeting below;

[MUI Rule Update Training Registration](#)

[MUI Rule Training Update](#)

[MUI Information and Q&A](#)

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# 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 Updates to Extended Travel Service Planning Rule, the Annual DSP Compensation Survey, Outcome Tracking System Reporting Period Extension, and the Provider Training Series on the Compliance Tool Changes.

**HB 225:** This week saw the introduction of [House Bill 225, The 'Employment First and Greater Opportunities Act'](#). The bill, sponsored by Reps Dontavius Jarrells and Tom Young looks to eliminate commensurate wages over 5 years, while also supporting a tax credit to entities that purchase from qualified non-profit agencies that employ people with developmental disabilities. The bill is currently pending referral to the Commerce and Labor committee. Please reach out to [Scott](#) or [Christine](#) with any questions.

**Medicaid Resource Center:** We wanted to provide the links again to [ANCOR's Medicaid Resource Center](#). Here you will find social media toolkits, the ANCOR Amplifier, FAQs and other educational resources, expert analyses and many other resources to aid in your education and advocacy. We encourage members to continue to advocate on the importance of Medicaid to your services and in the lives of the people you support. Please reach out to the OPRA team if you have any questions or need any assistance in contacting your members of congress.



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**April 23 • 9:30 -11:30 a.m.**

**Session 2:** Leading with Confidence - Cultivating Emotional Intelligence in Your Role  
**May 7 • 9:30 -11:30 a.m.**

**Session 3:** Navigating Conflict with Confidence - Understanding and Managing Conflict Styles  
**May 21 • 9:30 -11:30 a.m.**

**Session 4:** Coaching for Success - Unlocking Your Team's Full Potential  
**June 4 • 9:30 -11:30 a.m.**



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## Upcoming Events

4/21: OPRA CEO/DOO Network Meeting

4/23: Mastering Team Leadership Webinar Training - Session 1

Click here for a full list of upcoming DODD training events

## News & Resources

“A dozen House Republicans say no to big Medicaid cuts”

“State Democratic leaders pushing Congress to protect Medicaid recipients”

“HHS Secretary RFK Jr. Unveils New Autism & Disability Survey | Full Briefing”

“HHS weighs steep funding cuts”



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