

THE EXCELLENCE NETWORK

FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP
TO DRIVE AGENCY EXCELLENCE IN
LICKING COUNTY



AGENDA

1/15/21

(Online virtual meeting)

• Old Business/Updates

- **COVID cases in Licking County:** Please make sure your DSPs know and are following proper protocol re: masks, hand washing, etc; and that all staff coming into regular contact with people (nursing, transportation, etc.) are doing the same.
 - If you note issues please let David or Brandi know ASAP.

• New Business

- **COVID-19 Vaccination Updates**
 - Licking County Provider/Individuals Served Update
 - Approximately 50 shots available today at Health Department (inside) – NRH and CSS (Brandi will reach out to Becky to coordinate based on number of doses confirmed)
 - Clinic on Tuesday (drive-thru) – An independent provider, CLE, Midwest, and remaining needed by CSS
 - CDS – 3 remaining individuals
 - LMH – Provider staff are able to go to LMH main entrance with their employee badge 7am-7pm today
 - Brandi and Anna confirming vaccination doses available to ensure nobody wastes a trip
 - Phase 1B
 - As we knew previously, 1B vaccines start next week.
 - Qualifying Diagnoses include:
 - Cerebral Palsy
 - Spina Bifida
 - Congenital Heart Disease
 - Type 1 Diabetes
 - Inherited Metabolic Disorders
 - Severe Neurological Disorders (including epilepsy)
 - Severe Genetic Disorders (including Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Prader-Willi Syndrome, and Turner Syndrome)
 - Severe Lung Disease (including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma)
 - Sickle Cell Anemia
 - Alpha and Beta Thalassemia

- Vaccine hotline 740-670-0949 M-F 9am-3pm
 - The only way to get a 1B vaccine (when your age group or qualifying group is eligible) is to call and set up an appointment. Appointments are offered to eligible groups on a first come first serves basis. The phones will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and it will be run out the old 911 Center, so their phones are designed to handle a high call volume. Phones will be answered by CERT volunteers and EMA and the Health Department will have staff on site. There will be no online option at this time.
 - As of now, the Health Department will hold clinics at OSU-N/COTC at the Reese Center. People will have to book an appointment through the hotline. They cannot just show up. They will be drive thru only at this time. This should avoid most mobility issues. People will need to wear layers, bring a consent form and bring their insurance card if they have one. There is NO CHARGE for the vaccine. Anyone asking for \$\$ for a vaccine is running a scam. Once people get their shot, they have the option of waiting 15 minutes in a parking lot, where there will be EMS folks on site in case someone has a reaction. They will have medication in case someone has an anaphylactic reaction. People can also honk their horn if they need assistance at any point. No one in Licking County has had a reaction so far, that they know of.
 - **New HPC rates-** The new rates are effective for service dates of January 1, 2021 and after for HPC and Participant-Directed Homemaker/Personal Care (PD-HPC) Services. You need to bill the higher rate; if you bill the previous rate DODD will continue to pay it. (Rate sheet attached to email.)
 - **Lump-sum payment to Providers** (funded by County Boards of D.D.) - DODD continues to plan for an approx. 2 week lump-sum payment to waiver Providers. However, there's been a complication with the Federal Medicaid approvals which will delay the payments. More to come on this as we hear info.
 - The payment will be calculated using the provider's total claims payments for **August 1 - October 31, 2020**. Providers can still make changes to this period until the payments have final approval.

- **Miscellaneous**

- **Check email address in DODD's system:** check the primary email contact listed in DODD's PSM certification system. Whoever is listed will receive all DODD notices, including info. about Ohio Medicaid's new provider portal (coming in 2021). MEORC is using that email address for UI log & MUI analyses requests. Please let me know if you need help locating the info.
- **Medicaid Renewal application process change:** starting 12/14/20 DJFS will need a signature on the Medicaid Renewal application. They were doing a verbal with us but the rule has changed. They need an actual signature or an audio signature from the individual. If they see it doesn't have a signature they will send a checklist out for one.

Next Mtg.
Friday, February 19th, 10:00
(Online virtual meeting)