

THE EXCELLENCE NETWORK

FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP
TO DRIVE AGENCY EXCELLENCE IN
LICKING COUNTY



AGENDA 7/16/21 (LCBDD Offices)

• Old Business/Updates

- **Hosting TEN mtgs.** - Who wants to host your peers? Only 5 opportunities left!
 - Dates Available: August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, December 17th
- **DJFS presentation feedback**
 - Feedback was the info. was helpful, but no additional follow-up is needed at this time
- **NMT per-mile & per-trip billing in ADSs-** please remember there is only \$580 of per-mile NMT available per ISP span. If more than that is billed, it begins to take away from the per-trip budget.
 - Per-trip NMT \$10,041
 - Per-mile NMT \$580
 - Combined total \$10,621
 - Once combined total is exceeded, there is no additional NMT funding available. There is not a fix for this. The Provider will either need to stop services or provide the service for free.

• New Business

- **Number of DSP openings-** does your agency know how many additional DSPs are needed to do all current service hours with NO overtime?
 - This info. would really help quantify the extent of the problem.
 - Can help bring more resources!
 - Is NOT a reflection on your agency; everyone is short-staffed!
- **Medication Certification Training**
 - LCBDD exploring offering med certification trainings at our office routinely for provider convenience
 - Suggested schedule:
 - Initial certification classes – Every 2 months
 - Recertification – Quarterly
 - Medication Certification 2 & 3 – Not needed at this time based on meeting feedback

- Survey will be circulated to get attendee numbers and feedback to ensure proper scheduling
- **Provider Capacity Concerns**
 - LCBDD in the process of drafting a communication to individuals and families around the DSP workforce crisis and impact of staffing capacity on services
 - LCBDD will also be assembling talking points for our staff
 - It was shared that DSPs are experiencing burnout and guilt in regards to not being able to provide additional services due to capacity
 - LCBDD is incredibly grateful for DSPs! - Please remember that Brandi is available to help support retention/recognition efforts
- **OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard-** OSHA has issued an emergency temporary standard (ETS) to protect health care workers from contracting COVID-19.
 - The ETS establishes new requirements for settings where employees provide health care or health care support services including hospitals, SNFs, assisted living communities, and home health care.
 - ICFs/IID and “group homes” for people with disabilities are not listed specifically, but the ETS **may** apply.
 - OSHA has extended the public input period until August 20th due to Provider’s concerns.
 - Will email materials on what could be required for your review.
- **Changes to RAPBACK-**
 - As of June 4, 2021, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office has updated the Rapback system to a new system called iRap.
 - Currently iRap is not allowing external users to enroll new employees into the system.
 - Agency providers are required to enroll new employees into the iRap system within 14 days of hire or 14 days of receiving the employee’s criminal records check, whichever is later.
 - DODD knows this isn’t possible at this time. Staff DODD is monitoring and will share information as it becomes available.
 - Providers are strongly encouraged to check daily to see if functionality has been restored for your organization.
 - DODD’s Office of System Support and Standards (OSASS) has been notified of the issue for compliance review purposes.
 - If you have questions regarding the compliance portion please email provider.certification@dodd.ohio.gov
- **Miscellaneous**
 - **Gears N Company performance Aug. 19th, 6:00pm at VFW on Forry Ave, Newark**
 - Come join the fun!

- **Updated Ohio Medicaid Provider Exclusion and Suspension site-** The Ohio Department of Medicaid has updated its website. [Here is a link for the Ohio Medicaid Provider Exclusion and Suspension List.](#)

Next Mtg.
Friday, August 20th, 10:00
Location TBD!