

THE EXCELLENCE NETWORK

FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP
TO DRIVE AGENCY EXCELLENCE IN
LICKING COUNTY



Meeting Minutes

9/17/21

- **Old Business/Updates**
 - **OPRA/OACB/DODD Listening Session- Thank You to everyone who took time to attend this!**
 - No immediate fixes are likely to come from it, but your input alerts the larger DD system to the depth and intensity of the problems.
 - **DSP Appreciation week-** pizza parties, food trucks, picnics and swag bags seemed to be popular! Congratulations to Providers for being able to appreciate your DSPs like this!
- **New Business**
 - **EXPANDED- Licking Co. Board of D.D. efforts to support Providers**
 - **CB staff now available to cover evening and weekend HPC shifts of 4 hours or less**
 - **Needed lead time decreased to 2 weeks prior**
 - CB staff also available to help with appointments (medical, dental, & benefits) and employment transportation.
 - **Remote Technology Supports-** what's your experiences around this? Could this help with staffing?
 - Both CLE & NRH have experience with remote supports; both said it worked well for some people, and their experiences were generally positive.
 - No agency present had experience with being the paid local back-up.
 - May be a limited number of people who might be able to utilize it, currently.
 - CB looking at possibly supplementing people's Internet- possibly for 12 months.
 - May not be a solution to DSP crisis, but could help.
 - Fuse Network looking to become a Remote Support provider in the near future.
 - **Proposed Federal Vaccination requirements-** what do we know at this point???
 - So far it appears HCBS waiver providers **may not** be included.
 - Providers are already hearing staff saying they'll leave if vaccination is required.
 - Ask staff to PLEASE wait to see how requirements are implemented, who is affected, and when they may take effect.
 - **DODD Virtual Training-** Nick Miller: DODD explained the training and provided demos.
 - Training emphasizes communication skills.
 - 20 min. online portion
 - 15-25 min. virtual session after, with 4 different scenarios to try
 - Allows staff to learn in a safe space.
 - VR headsets are stand-alone units once loaded with the software; approx. \$300 each.

- The software is available FREE on DODD's website.
 - LCBDD has VR units that can be borrowed
- **Miscellaneous**
 - **FREE CPR & First Aid classes available** - for DSPs at LCBDD offices. Students will be given a workbook to study and bring to class. Use this link to find dates & times available: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49aca92fa4f85-first1> Add staff using that link, or email names and personal phone numbers (for last minute changes) to Teresa.whipkey@lcountydd.org
 - **On-line grocery shopping**- a few agencies currently using this.
 - Potential issue with substitutions that don't match specified menus.
 - **Head Start pre-school services for DSPs**- If a family qualifies for Head Start, they remain eligible until they age out regardless of wage increases for the parents. They cannot be removed due to income, can only age out.
 - **FREE stuff!!!** NRH has an overabundance of XL depends & chucks. Contact Meagan Withrow 740-345-7231 or hickman.meagan@gmail.com
 - **Metro Housing Waiting list opening**- Weds, 9/29/21, 10:00am -Mon, 10/4/21, 7:00am. Please see flyer for more info. (attached to email)
 - **DSP Coloring Contest**- EVERYONE can participate! Here's what they need to do:
 1. Color the attached coloring sheet in ANY WAY you want. Let your creativity shine!
 2. Send your masterpiece to anna.jeffries@lcountydd.org or drop it off at the LCBDD office (116 N. 22nd St. in Newark) by Oct. 2. Anna is also willing to pick them up!
 - Please include your first name, last initial and a way to reach you.
 3. Submissions will be posted on social media the week of Oct. 4 and then we will announce which ones got the most likes!
 - **Cooking & Healthy Eating classes online**- FREE! Wednesday s at 1:00, 10/6 & 20, 11/3 & 7, Dec. 1 & 15. Contact Ann Jefferies to register (Flyer attached to email) anna.jefferies@lcountydd.org or 740-322-6911

Next Mtg: Friday, Oct. 15th at LCBDD offices