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Administration Update

1. Hollinger Joins Division of Policy & Strategic Direction

*This introductory article is in advance of Ben Hollinger's arrival in May at DODD in Columbus.
Pipeline will sit down with him for a more in-depth article at a later date.*

Hollinger to Lead Employment First Initiative

DODD announced on April 13 that Ben Hollinger will join the Department in May to serve as Assistant Deputy Director for the Division of Policy and Strategic Direction, reporting to Monty Kerr, Deputy Director in that Division. Hollinger, who is currently Superintendent of the Scioto County Board of DD, will spearhead DODD's *Employment First* initiative, formerly managed by Teresa Kobelt, now Adult Services Director with the Franklin County Board of DD. In making the announcement, Kerr stated,

"Ben brings a strong mix of leadership, experience, and passion for serving individuals from a community-driven perspective. He knows the true value in what we do is empowering people, and supporting their choices in how they want to live – the very essence of our goals in supporting opportunities in community employment."

To help keep momentum strong for *Employment First* priorities, Hollinger is now providing project support to Department staff, while working to effect a smooth transition from the Scioto County Board. He explains,

“While I am going to miss Scioto County, I also am looking forward to assisting DODD in efforts to increase integrated employment for people with disabilities across the state. County Boards and providers do a pretty good job this area, but I share the Department’s goal for us to become *great* in this area.” He adds,

“Governor Kasich has shown strong leadership in signing the recent Executive Order to make *Employment First* a priority for Ohio, and I am confident the developmental disabilities field is ready to rally around this issue to move our system forward together.”



Ben Hollinger

In Scioto County, Hollinger oversaw an expansion of the Adult Services program and the creation of a new Supported Employment program. Prior to serving there, he was Superintendent of the Hocking County Board of DD, where he also expanded employment programs (*see Medicaid Buy-In article, this issue*), and increased supported housing by 150%. Hollinger earned a Master’s Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Ashland University, and a Superintendent Certification from DODD.

During Autism Awareness Month

And, on the subject of April as *Autism Awareness Month*, we re-visit this story of an individual’s success, sent to *Pipeline* from Hollinger last year:

“Scioto County Board of DD Superintendent Ben Hollinger reports from southern Ohio ... ‘We have a very interesting story down here in Scioto County! We have a young man who is on the Autism Spectrum who has successfully completed training and has been certified as a volunteer firefighter. His effort began with a self-advocate program we have called SCOPE. As part of this program, individuals are trained on how to advocate for themselves and their community. They also set personal goals and report on their progress...’

See *Pipeline Quarterly*: [Spring 2011](#) for the ‘Fireman Bill’ story!



National Scene

2. Administration for Community Living is Formed

A Statement from U.S. Health & Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Announcing the Administration for Community Living (ACL)

In a release of information from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, the following information was provided:

“All Americans, including people with disabilities and seniors, should be able to live at home with the supports they need, and participating in communities that value their contributions, rather than in nursing homes or other institutions. The Administration, and in particular, the Department of Health & Human Services, has been committed to promoting community living and finding new ways to ensure that the supports people with disabilities and senior citizens need to live in the community are accessible.

On April 16, we announced the creation of the new *Administration for Community Living* (ACL), reinforcing this commitment by bringing together key HHS organizations and offices dedicated to improving the lives of those with unique functional needs into one coordinated, focused, and stronger entity.

The *Administration for Community Living* will bring together the Administration on Aging, the Office on Disability and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities into a single agency that supports initiatives and efforts focused on the unique needs of individual groups, such as children with developmental disabilities or seniors with dementia.

This new agency will work on increasing access to community supports and achieving full community participation for people with disabilities and seniors.

The ACL will seek to enhance and improve the broad range of supports that individuals may need to live with respect and dignity as full members of their communities. These needs go well beyond health care, and include the availability of appropriate housing, employment, education, meaningful relationships, and social participation.

Building on the Administration’s ‘Year of Community Living,’ the ACL will pursue improved opportunities for older Americans and people with disabilities to enjoy the fullest possible inclusion in the life of our nation.”

*For more information, visit <http://hhs.gov/acl> <<http://www.hhs.gov/acl/>>
Special thanks to Mary Butler [mbutler@ohiosilc.org]*



Autism Awareness Month

3. Ohio Seeks Public Comment on Autism Needs

Series of Public Forums to Gather Feedback on Policy and Support Services Recommendations

Ohio’s Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) invites public comments at an open forum in Columbus on the subject of state autism recommendations. The Columbus forum is one

of five to be held across the state this spring to gather practical input from parents, professionals, and other stakeholders with first-hand knowledge of what supports and services are most needed.

*Open Forum on State Autism Recommendations
May 17, 2012, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI)
470 Glenmont Ave., Columbus, OH 43214*

Hosted by the OCALI Advisory Board, the forum will provide a brief overview of the proposed recommendations followed by an opportunity for feedback and comments. Responses and suggestions will be used in developing final recommendations, which will be presented in June to the Governor's Office, and to the Interagency Work Group on Autism (IWGA) for implementation.

Chair of the Autism Recommendation Committee, Jon Peterson, recently noted, "These recommendations will provide a blueprint for the state to improve its response to autism. The OCALI Advisory Board sincerely hopes the public will participate in setting the future for autism services in Ohio by adding their thoughts and comments."

The recommendations focus on early identification and diagnosis, skill development and support, and sustained services for future success. Revised from recommendations first prepared in 2004, they will be used to inform state policy decision-makers and improve support services for all Ohioans diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Public input also helped shape the original 2004 recommendations, which resulted in:

- The creation of OCALI – the statewide clearinghouse and professional development center in autism and disabilities;
- An autism scholarship program for educational services;
- Ohio autism license plates, which have generated funding for autism advocacy; and,
- A Medicaid Buy-In program.

DODD Director John Martin comments,

"The final recommendations that are brought forward after public input will assist in developing an interagency plan that streamlines support and improves services for individuals with autism across Ohio."

Recommendations are also available for review and comment online at
http://www.ocali.org/ohio_recommendations



Family Support Group for Caregivers of Individuals with Autism

Nationwide Children's Hospital recognizes the family system as a unique and important source of support for children with disabilities, and believes that it is critical to ensure that the family system is supported in their role. The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders *Family Support*

Group is a monthly gathering for families and caregivers to facilitate connections and networking opportunities, in an environment offering a wide variety of resource options.

*Groups meet the third Monday of each month,
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. at*

*The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders
187 W. Schrock Rd., Westerville, OH 43081*

Upcoming dates include April 16, May 21, and June 18.

The Support group is free and open to the public.

Family Support Groups are held in an open discussion format, facilitated by licensed social workers and staff from the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Topics and conversations are generated by parents during each gathering. Participants do not need to be clients of Nationwide Children's Hospital or the Center for ASD to participate.

Contact: Autism Resource Coordinators Autismresourcecoordinator@nationwidechildrens.org

Phone: (614) 355-8315



April 26 - Autism Awareness Day Event

Individuals with autism, advocates, families, and state legislators will gather for Autism Awareness Day at the Ohio Statehouse on April 26th, to raise awareness of autism issues during April, Autism Awareness Month. The event will be in the Statehouse Atrium at 4 p.m..

Speakers for tomorrow's event include DODD Director John Martin, who will address various topics that affect families, including employment opportunities for individuals with ASD, education funding, and insurance reform. The event is sponsored by Autism Speaks, the Autism Society of Central Ohio, and the Autism Society of Ohio.

In the Year Ahead, For Your Planning Calendar

Autism Speaks announces its *first* National Conference for Families and Professionals, August 3 and 4, 2012 at the Hilton Columbus. The theme will be *Treating the Whole Person: Providing Comprehensive Care for Children and Adolescents with ASD*.

More information at www.autismspeaks.org; www.autismohio.org; www.autism-centralohio.com; or, www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/columbus.



Ohio Provider Resource Association

4. OPRA Spring Conference, Perspectives on Key Issues

The Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) hosted its Spring Conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin, April 17 - 18. Each year the conference offers an opportunity to network, discuss issues facing providers, find new resources, and learn from first-rate speakers. At this year's conference, DODD Director John Martin presented an overview and update on work in-progress at the Department during a morning session on Wednesday, April 18.

A few highlights of the presentation, “More Opportunities for Choice,” began with Director Martin stating, “Let me share some data with you ...” a phrase stakeholders in Ohio’s DD community know will preface useful information gathered by various local, state, or national researchers - and upon which discussions and decisions can be based. For example, following slides showing perceptions of Ohio’s DD services, and their ranking among national developmental disabilities efforts, he noted areas of strength and weakness, and stated,

“We recognize the many barriers and imperfections of our system, and look forward to working with you to evolve toward defined values. What is so important here is the opportunity for fully-informed choice for individuals. It’s fundamental.”

Values stated as foundational as DODD moves forward in planning with stakeholders included:

- We value models where funding is tied to the person, not the bed.
- We value models where residential funding is separated from Day Services, and where the individual is free to choose a different provider for each service.
- We value models where the owner of the property is not the provider of the service, so the individual can choose to change providers without having to move from their home.
- We value models where payments for service are individualized, and based upon individual needs.
- We value models where individuals can live in community settings that look like others’ homes, and work in jobs that provide economic freedom.

The full presentation is online at: [the DODD News Room link](#)

The OPRA Spring Conference attracted nearly 500 attendees, representing expertise throughout the statewide system, including Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), Program Directors, Nurses, Board Members, Business Professionals, Information Technology Professionals, Administrators, and Human Resource Staff. OPRA President Mark Davis commented,

“We believe that Ohio’s provider system is collaborating more effectively than ever to build a better statewide DD services community. In working with Director Martin and the Department, we see this happening also through data-driven decision making, and the implementation of several key initiatives.”

More information at www.opra.org and at dodd.ohio.gov/newsroom/Pages/default.aspx



5. Medicaid Buy-In – A Refresher on the Basics

Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD or MBI) is an Ohio Medicaid program that provides health care coverage to working Ohioans with disabilities. Historically, people with disabilities may have been discouraged from working because their earnings made them ineligible for Medicaid coverage. MBIWD was created to enable Ohioans with disabilities to work and still keep their health care coverage.

Who is Eligible?

To qualify for MBIWD, a person must:

- Be 16 to 64 years old;
- Be disabled per Social Security Administration guidelines, or as determined by Ohio Medicaid, or eligible under the MBIWD 'medically improved' category;
- Be employed in paid work (includes part-time and full-time work) at the time they file an MBI application with their Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS) office.
- Pay a premium (if applicable) -- Monthly premiums are required for those eligible who have an annual gross income more than 150% of the federal poverty level. To obtain and maintain health coverage, the amount of the premium must be paid on time.
- Meet certain [basic requirements](#) and [financial criteria](#).

See the Fact Sheet at: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bcps/factsheets/MBIWD.pdf>

A Little History

According to the Social Security Administration, under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, (more at www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/buyin.htm) states were given the option to provide Medicaid funds to working people with disabilities whose earnings are too high for them to qualify for Medicaid under existing rules, meet the specified criteria (listed above), and would be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments were it not for the earnings. In Ohio, the MBI program was authorized in 2007 by Ohio House Bill 119, and participants began enrolling in April 2008.

Potential for Improving Peoples' Lives

In addition, the potential for improving peoples' financial situations and allowing them to work without worrying about losing their health care coverage is a huge benefit of MBI. In terms of accessing the potential capability of Medicaid Buy-In, it is important to look at situations where individuals have a certain level of liability – what could be termed a large 'patient liability' or 'spend-down'. They may have income above the usual Medicaid guidelines, or they may receive residential assistance, such as through the Individual Options (IO) waiver.

An Example -- How MBI Helped Bob in Hocking County

In 2008, *Pipeline Quarterly, Summer 2008* featured an early example of MBI working in Ohio for an individual named Bob. At that time, he had worked at Cintas in neighboring Lancaster for more than nine years, and experienced a few medical issues that made it very important for him to maintain good health care coverage. Cintas -- a national company that provides uniforms, work apparel and related services -- had demonstrated a strong commitment to Bob as a valued employee, adjusting his work schedule and job responsibilities as needed.

Hocking County Board of DD service and support administrators, and the local ODJFS Office (which administers MBI) worked together closely to access the MBI funds for Bob. Ultimately, the MBI program helped him make the most of the money he earns at Cintas working three days per week by allowing him to keep working, keep his health insurance, and pay a low monthly MBI premium.



Bob, at Cintas in 2008

Each situation is determined individually, and MBI also can help people who have a trust fund or other source of additional income that would make them otherwise ineligible to access Medicaid funds.

MBI is designed to eliminate a disincentive to work, and enables individuals with developmental disabilities - a significant part of the workforce - to access Medicaid benefits while contributing to the local economy.

More about Bob's story at <http://dodd.ohio.gov/pipeline/Pages/Pipeline-Quarterly.aspx>



6. Sandusky County, People First Chapter of the Year

Sandusky County's chapter of *People First of Ohio* recently was recognized as the state's *Chapter of the Year* at the statewide organization's annual conference in Wilmington, Ohio. The chapter, founded in 2007, was noted especially for its accurate, timely, and good quality record-keeping, according to Ed McClain, a behavior support specialist for the Sandusky County Board of DD. He added,

"The self-advocates that are involved here in Sandusky County are really community role models. I think that's something the state board of *People First* saw in our advocates - their leadership abilities."

Chapter secretary Sarah Mohrman noted, "We worked hard for that. We have a lot of dedicated people in this group." Sandusky County's *People First* members have been active in learning more about several key initiatives, including voting rights and other basic rights for people with developmental disabilities,* as well as concerns about employment, transportation, and control over personal finances.

***Bill of Rights for persons with Developmental Disabilities: [Download here.](#)**

Sandusky County Board of DD Superintendent Deb Yenrick observes, "I was very proud when I heard that our *People First* group was named *Chapter of the Year*. They work hard on protecting individual rights, and providing a voice concerning their employment. For example, during the recent request for a levy, they worked tirelessly in getting individuals to register to vote, and then ultimately, to their voting location."



photo courtesy, Cheri Palmer, SCBDD

A group of about 20 participants at the Sandusky County Board of DD meet monthly as People First of Ohio's Sandusky County Chapter, to discuss issues that impact them. Chapter secretary Sarah Mohrman explains,

"We want people to know we have the same rights.
We want to make our voices heard."

More information at the People First website: www.peoplefirstohio.org

Acknowledgements to: *Self-advocacy group earns recognition*, Fremont News-Messenger 04/12/2012



7. SELF Waiver Implementation Progress – Rules Filed

On April 13, DODD filed rules to implement the new Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services *Self-Empowered Life Funding* (SELF) Waiver approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in December 2011. (See *Pipeline Volume 5 Issue 27 December 21, 2011 SELF Waiver Approved*).

Proposed for Amendment:

Rule 5123:2-9-34 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Residential Respite and Community Respite Under the Individual Options Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-35 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Remote Monitoring and Remote Monitoring Equipment Under the Individual Options Waiver"

Proposed for Adoption:

Rule 5123:2-9-40 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Administration of the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-41 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Clinical/Therapeutic Intervention Under the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-42 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Community Inclusion Under the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-43 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Functional Behavioral Assessment Under the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-44 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Integrated Employment Under the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-45 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Participant-Directed Goods and Services Under the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-46 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Participant/Family Stability Assistance Under the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

Rule 5123:2-9-47 - "Home and Community-Based Services Waivers - Support Brokerage Under the Self-Empowered Life Funding Waiver"

A public hearing on the proposed rule actions will be held *May 17, 2012*, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2921 on the 29th Floor of the Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad St., in Columbus. At this hearing, DODD will accept verbal and/or written testimony on the proposed rule actions under consideration.

Persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments on the proposed rule actions. Any written comments received on or before the public hearing date will be treated as testimony and made available for public review.

Written comments may be submitted by email to Becky Phillips, Administrative Rules Coordinator at becky.phillips@dodd.ohio.gov; by fax, to (614) 644-5013; or by U.S. Mail to 30 E. Broad St., 12th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414.

The rules are available at the Register of Ohio website: <http://registerofohio.state.oh.us> and the DODD website: <https://doddportal.dodd.ohio.gov/rules/underdevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>. Rules also are available for review at each local County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

More information about the SELF waiver is online at [SELF Waiver](#)



***PostScripts***

APRIL IS ALSO MINORITY HEALTH MONTH!

Visit the *Ohio Commission on Minority Health* website to view the statewide calendar of events.
<http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/actnow/>

REGISTER TODAY! DD Council Legislative Advocacy Day, May 8th

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) annual Legislative Advocacy Day is Tuesday, May 8, in the Statehouse Atrium in Columbus.

The event is free. Everyone must register to attend.

To obtain registration forms, go to www.ddc.ohio.gov and register online, or follow this link ; contact AXIS at (614) 263-8076; or axiscenter@columbus.rr.com. Arrival is suggested at 10:00 a.m. (light refreshments available), and the program begins promptly at 10:30 a.m.. Following the short program will be visits with legislators. If attending with a group, it is suggested to keep the group to four or five people, so there will be space to comfortably sit and talk in your legislators' offices. Some funding is available, if needed, to assist with funding transportation and attendants.

In May - FREE Eye Exams for Service Dogs, OSU Veterinary Medical Center

Veterinary ophthalmologists from The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) will offer free sight-saving eye exams for service dogs in May. *Service Dog handlers and owners must pre-register before April 29* with the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists at www.acvoeyexam.org. Service dogs include those that assist people who have physical limitations, as well as search and rescue dogs, police dogs, lead dogs, and pilot dogs. In order to participate, dogs must be active 'working dogs' that were certified by or currently enrolled in a formal training program or organization; owners or agents for the dog(s) must register the animal online at www.acvoeyexam.org. Once registered, the owner or agent can call The OSU Veterinary Medical Center at (614) 292-3551 to schedule an appointment.

FREE TRAINING Sponsored by OPRA and Ohio Partners In Justice, May 18

A one-day *free training* on the subject of working with *individuals who are developmentally disabled and also have sex offending issues* will be hosted by the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) and Ohio Partners in Justice on Friday, May 18 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 W Broad St., in Columbus.

Click here to register today for this training!

Or, click link below*

The one-day training will provide a wealth of information including sessions presented by several speakers within Ohio's health and human services community -- including Lee Balsler, David Berenson, Nicole Chambers, Randy Shively, Bill Weisler, and DODD's Scott Phillips. Each will address key concerns for counties struggling with issues regarding safely housing and treating individuals who are developmentally disabled and also have sex offending issues, specifically highlighting staff, training, and systems concerns that arise while trying to keep communities safe. Discussions will touch on MUIs, risk factors, obstacles to treatment, legal issues, and residential options.

*<https://asoft403.securesites.net/secure/opra/index.php?src=forms&id=2012%20Partners%20In%20Justice%20IDD-SO%20Conference%20-%20May%2018>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Arc of Ohio Annual Day at Cedar Point, May 23

The Arc welcomes Ohioans with disabilities, their families, friends, providers, and support staff to The Arc of Ohio annual day at Cedar Point on May 23, *rain or shine!* The day is open to *everyone*. Cedar Point has generously donated a limited number of admission tickets and free picnic lunches again this year, and tickets for these we will be distributed as fairly as possible. All others can participate for \$28, which is about half the regular admission price, and buy picnic lunches for \$9.50 each.

Requests for free tickets must be in by Midnight on Friday, April 27, 2012. You will be notified by email on April 30, 2012 how many free tickets The Arc can offer.

Request tickets at: www.thearcofohio.org

The Arc has more than 8,000 people planning to attend, and a limited number of free admission tickets!

Governor's Council on People with Disabilities, Accepting Applications

The Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities www.gcpd.ohio.gov is accepting applications for appointments effective September 1, 2012. The Council exists to: Advise the Governor and General Assembly on state wide disability issues; Educate and advocate for partnerships at the state and local level; Promote equality, access and independence; Develop employment opportunities; Promote the value of diversity, dignity and the quality of life for people with disabilities; Be a catalyst to create systemic change on issues that ultimately benefit all Ohio citizens. Visit <http://gcpd.ohio.gov> for an application form, and details on Council membership.

SAVE THE DATE! September 12, Direct Support Professionals Event

The third annual Ohio Association of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) recognition event will be hosted at the Xenos Complex in Columbus from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free, fun, interactive, and motivational -- this event is *not to be missed* for celebrating the workers who care for and support Ohioans with developmental disabilities. Details available soon at www.OADSP.org, or contact Lisa Barnes toll free at (800) 862-2322, ext. 102.

Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities, July 2012

The Governor's Council on People with Disabilities invites high school juniors and seniors with disabilities to apply to attend its annual Youth Leadership Forum, to be held in Columbus this year, July 16th - 19th. Forty students will be selected. All their expenses will be paid. To be eligible, students must have a disability, be in 11th or 12th grade as of December 31, 2011, have demonstrated leadership potential, and reside in Ohio. This year's forum in Columbus will prepare students to take advantage of new and different community-based opportunities, and develop as constructive, contributing members of society. To learn more about the program, go to www.gcpd.ohio.gov or contact Donna Foster/YLF Coordinator; Donna.Foster@rsc.state.oh.us; (614) 438.1394 or 1.800.282.4536 ext.1394.

DODD Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect, other Possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

To report abuse/neglect and other MUI's call toll-free: **1-866-313-6733**. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the local County Board of DD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict -- or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances it is important to remember the hotline number is there to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

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