Minutes of the OHCA ID/DD Board of Directors Meeting June 21, 2019 2:00 p.m., Teleconference

Present: Sherry Rinck, Chair; Karen Knavel, Vice Chair; Tim Dotson, Joe Kowalski, Nisi Pozderac, Rebecca Sharp, Joanna Spargo; Debbie Jenkins, Steve Mould, Pete Van Runkle, staff.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sherry Rink; the reason for the special meeting and the Association's anti-trust compliance policy were reviewed.

Executive Director Pete Van Runkle presented information regarding the state budget and its impact on ID/DD providers, and discussed the differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget, HB 166. The Ohio Senate on Thursday, June 20, voted 33-0 to pass its version of the budget.

The Senate version altered the waiver rate increases that the House included in its budget. Instead of basing rates on a \$13 average direct support professional wage starting January 1, 2020, the Senate reduced the first year's wage to \$12.82 and raised the second year's wage to \$13.23. This is still more than the DODD original proposal.

For ICFs/IID, the Senate agreed with the House in protecting recently enacted rate formula changes. The Senate also adopted an amendment that would postpone the ICF quality measures and called for reforming them to be less burdensome. The amendment also generates funding for an ICF behavioral addon by increasing the bed tax, which is reformulated to apply only to occupied beds.

The budget now goes to a House/Senate Conference Committee where differences between the two versions of the budget will be worked out and agreed upon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors are below; additional meetings may be called by the Chair.

Future meetings:

July 11, 2019
October 10, 2019
2:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m.