



Member Forum

October 28, 2022

Welcome

- *John Barth, President & CEO, INARF*

Today's Agenda

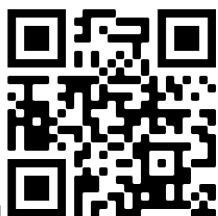
- Federal Relationship Building from the INARF DC Fly-In Panel
 - *Patrick Cockrum, Executive Director/CEO, Sycamore Services, Inc.*
 - *Jason McManus, CEO, Wabash Center, Inc.*
 - *Neil Samahon, President/CEO, Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.*
- Association Update:
 - *Nanette Hagedorn, INARF*
- Industry Updates:
 - *John Barth, Katy Stafford-Cunningham, Brian Carnes, INARF*

Professional Interest Section Meetings / Professional Development:

- November 9 - Professional Development Opportunity: Pieces to the Group Home Financial Puzzle Training
- November 10 - Professional Interest Section Meeting: Human Resources
- November 15 - DSP Series Webinar: De-Escalating Problem Behavior
- November 17 - Professional Interest Section Meeting: Child & Family Services

Upcoming Member Forum and Board of Directors Meetings:

- November 18 - Board of Directors Meeting
- December 16 - Member Forum and Board of Directors Meeting



Registration opens 3 weeks in advance. To register for open events, scan the QR code or go to <https://web.inarf.org/events>

INARF team members recently visited:

- Pathfinder Services in Huntington, Danielle Tips President & CEO
- Arc of Wabash in Wabash, Jeff Patton President & CEO





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US Senator Mike Braun



Congressman Larry Bucshon's Office



Congressman Jim Banks



Congressman Frank Mrvan's Office



Congresswoman Victoria Spartz's Office



Congressman Jim Baird's Office



Congressman Greg Pence's Office





Association Updates

Nanette Hagedorn, INARF

Leadership Academy: Class of 2023

- ☒ October 4 & 5 - Curriculum Unveiling at the Pre & Annual Conference
- ☒ October 10 - Call for Applications
- ☐ November 4 - Applications due (limit 1 per organization)
- ☐ December 1 - CEO Notification; December 5 - Applicant Notification

Leadership Graduation Program 2.0

- ☐ Q1 2023 – Development of the 2024 Leadership Graduate Program 2.0 will begin



Annual Membership Renewal Campaign: Organizational

The Process –

- ☒ October 17 - Pre-populated Renewal Agreements Issued (Email)
- ☐ November 4 - Renewal Agreements Requested Return
- ☐ December 16 - INARF Member Forum will include a drawing for an INARF Annual Conference Package for all timely renewal commitments. The package includes 1 - Full Annual Conference Registration (\$289 value), and 1 - Overnight Hotel Reservation at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Noblesville (\$161+).

Thank you in advance!

Annual Conference Planning Retreat / November 17 & 18, Bloomington, IN

Chair: Bruce Schnaith, Easterseals Crossroads

Members-at-Large:


Cindy Carter, LEL Home Services, LLC
Bitta DeWees, Stone Belt Arc, Inc.
Brian Drogich, The Arc Southwest Indiana
Karen Galbraith, Indiana MENTOR
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Reina Shelton, Hopewell Center, Inc.
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Jim Wiltz, Dungarvin Indiana, LLC





Industry Updates

John Barth, Katy Stafford-Cunningham, Brian Carnes, INARF

- INARF has advocated for FSSA to establish an on-going rate review process to ensure predictability in rate reviews.
 - During INARF's 2022 Q1 meeting with Dr. Rusyniak he outlined his plan to begin a rate review process.
 - FSSA launched a process to review DDRS HCBS rates on October 3, 2022.
 - The effort is being spearheaded by Milliman's Indiana office.
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- The expectation is that the process will be complete by the Medicaid forecast in mid-December.
- The outcome of the rate review will drive decisions about the FSSA Medicaid budget submission to the General Assembly
- FSSA has established a workgroup to advise them on the DDRS HCBS rates review that includes multiple INARF members and Bradley Associates.

- During the June INARF Forum, FSSA's Peggy Welch reviewed their planning on developing a plan to advance the DSW (DSP) position across FSSA services.
- After that Forum, FSSA continued to engage with the advocacy community, providers, and DSWs.
- Peggy Welch communicated to INARF some high-level expectations on the report's content, which is expected at any time.

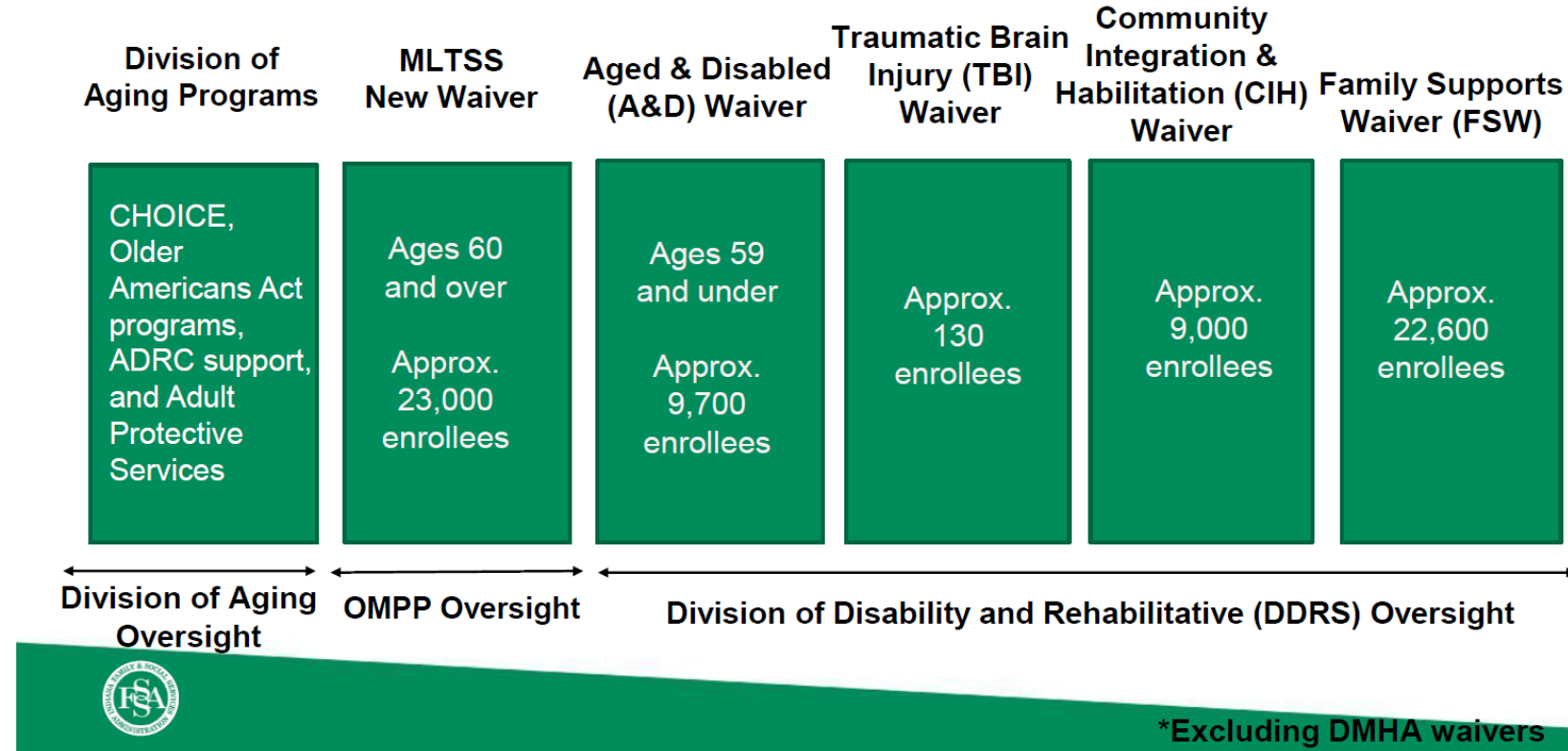
- Main points the report will make:
 - It does not appear that any specific rate or salary recommendations will be made.
 - It is expected that wage parity across DSW types will be a recommendation.
 - Much of the report's focus will be on varying regulatory restrictions and the need to streamline them. This has been a major focus for the Bowen Center's work.
 - The only likely legislative requests for the 2023 session will be for summer study committees on some of the proposed strategies.


- Micro-communities Discussion
 - DDRS considering definitions for micro-communities/pocket communities and what the thresholds and factors should be when monitoring these settings for HCBS compliance
 - INARF has reached out to our micro-communities workgroup, led by Courtney Scott, to get their feedback on these topics and what INARF can recommend the State consider

- Innovation Pilot Project Update
 - 130 applications received – not all will be funded
 - Extending the timeline in order to review the applications
 - Phase 2 will not begin until after October
 - Looking to tether projects to current initiatives
 - Will be determining if there are partnership opportunities between applicants
 - Key areas from applications – employment, caregiver support, technology to combat staffing challenges and independence, shared living

- Waiver Transition

Future FSSA HCBS Programs*



- INARF reconvened a previous INARF workgroup to look at changes we proposed in 2016 to make policy and administrative code align
 - INARF submitted our recommendations to Jessica Harlan-York October 3
 - Jessica Harlan-York indicated they will be reviewing our feedback more thoroughly in mid-November
 - At this point we are unsure if the waiver transitions will impact the timetable for the State to update 460 IAC
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- FSSA continues to send INARF information to share with individual providers as they run reports and analyze progress. INARF shares this information with providers' leadership and offers a connection to further assistance.
- EVV "Go Live" is January 1, 2023
 - 2 months
 - Financial Management Section update from OMPP is on INARF website: [Here](#)
- INARF will be sending a Monday reminder email to all EVV users until Go Live.
 - Educational opportunities
 - Webinars
 - Relevant information and reminders

- Rehabilitation Services Administration Grant
- \$13.9M over 5 years to implement SE+ model to support the transitioning of individuals from subminimum wage to competitive integrated employment
- Indiana will build local and state capacity to increase and expand competitive, integrated employment (CIE) by implementing and evaluating a comprehensive employment service package with 4 organizations and 7 Subminimum Wage Employment sites representative of Indiana's demographics.
- Goal:
 - 50% of project participants achieve CIE by the end of the grant cycle

- U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty struck vaccine and mask mandate for First Steps
- The Judge sighted a, “substantial threat of irreparable injury.”
- Indiana was one of twelve states that sued the Biden Administration and won.
- Rule required masks for toddlers and staff, as well as a requirement for a COVID vaccination or weekly tests for adults.
- No appeal was filed

Thank You to our PAC Contributors!

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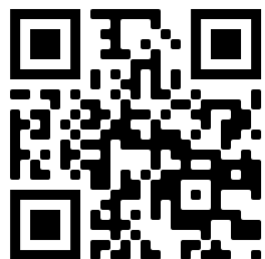
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Thank you!

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