



Member Forum

March 26, 2021

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Board Chair Report

Welcome

- Rick Adams, Vice President, Benchmark Human Services

Today's Agenda

- Legislator Engagement - Senator Shelli Yoder
- Legislator Engagement Member Panel - Leslie Green, Stone Belt Arc, Inc. and Jason Meyer, Easterseals Passages
- Industry Update - John Barth, Katy Stafford-Cunningham, Sarah Chestnut and Phillip Parnell, INARF

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Upcoming Member Forum

The next INARF Member Forum will be held virtually on Friday, April 23 from 10 - 11:30 AM.

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Legislator Engagement

Senator Shelli Yoder

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Industry Update

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American Rescue Plan

- 10% in increased FMAP for HCBS services
- Not subject to group homes
- INARF is identifying opportunities to utilize the additional funding in partnership with the INARF Consultant Group
- Elimination of 14(c) language and mandatory minimum wage language are not included in the American Rescue Plan

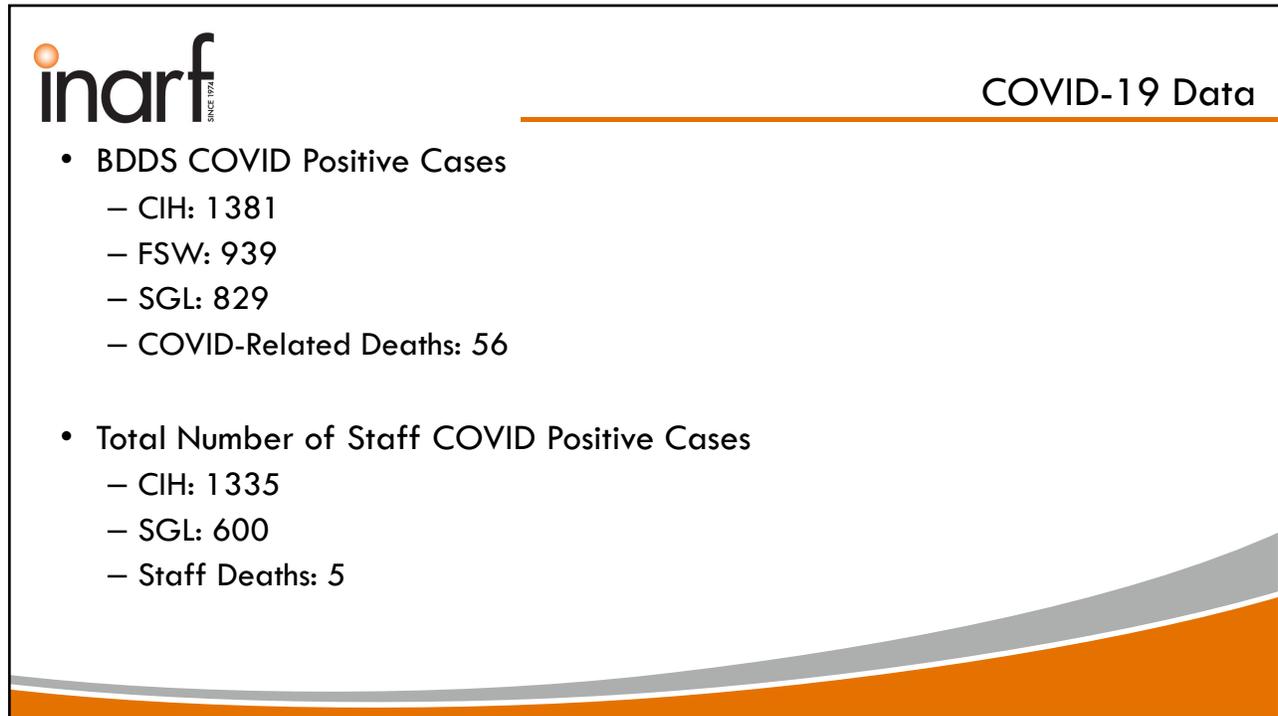
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DDRS Updates

- [Termination of Services Policy](#) (slide 32)
- [Appendix K extension approval](#)
- 180 Day Therapeutic Leave
- [EVV Meeting with OMPP](#)
- [Charting the LifeCourse for Providers Series](#) - Session 2

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Vaccine Eligibility Update

- On March 9, the Indiana Department of Health announced that individuals with disabilities ages 16-49 that receive HCBS are now eligible to receive the COVID vaccine.
- Yesterday, DDRS announced that these eligible individuals have been moved to the IDOH portal. DDRS has asked case managers to alert individuals that their information has been uploaded and they can contact 211 if they would like to schedule an appointment.
- They will also receive a letter, likely next week, letting them know they are eligible and providing instruction for setting up an appointment.

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Vaccine Updates

- Individuals receiving BDDS services residing in congregate settings began receiving COVID-19 vaccines on February 25, 2021
- This effort has involved over 4,800 individuals served by over 70 providers across over 75 Walgreens stores and 7 providers who became vaccine providers
- Current Guidance for Staff that are Fully Vaccinated
 - For staff I don't really see a lot of changes over what you likely are doing now
 - Still a lot of COVID in the community so staff should be wearing masks, practicing hand hygiene, and operating as before
 - Regardless of vaccine status direct face-to-face clinical providers should still wear masks
- The BDDS policy team will be revisiting COVID-19 guidance considering the Governor's announcement on March 23. Additional information regarding updated guidance is forthcoming

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- First Steps will complete two billing cycles this week.
- This means all service logs entered into EI Hub and moved off hold to billing and claiming by Tuesday 6 PM EST will be paid Thursday, March 25 **AND** all service logs entered and moved off hold to billing and claiming by Wednesday 6 PM EST will be paid Friday, March 26.
- PCG will begin the “true-up” **reconciliation of special payments made the past two weeks beginning in the billing cycle on March 30.**
- Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount billed each week will be withheld until the full amount of the special payments have been reconciled with the service logs entered in the EI Hub.

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