




# Member Forum

April 24, 2020

Welcome and Introductions – Rick Adams, Chair

10 AM-10:45 AM – Jay Chaudhary, JD, Director of the  
Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction

10:45 AM-11:30 AM – Industry Update

- Katy Stafford-Cunningham, Executive Vice President/  
Chief Operating Officer
  - Sarah Chestnut, Director, Public Policy and  
Technical Assistance
  - Steve Cook, President/CEO
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# Upcoming Member Forums

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There will be no May Member Forum due to Memorial Day holiday and the prior plan to have a Board Meeting only via teleconference on May 22.

The June Board meeting and Member Forum will be held **Friday, June 26. The Board meeting will be from 10 to 11 AM and the Forum will be from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. The Forum will include an industry update and a farewell message from and to Steve.**

It may be virtual or it may be live at a location to be determined. We will have a luncheon following the Forum if live attendance is allowable.





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Indiana Division of Mental Health  
and Addiction



Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch



# Industry Update

- Reported by DDRS as of April 22, 2020
  - Consumers with positive cases: 34 (24 in Marion County)
  - Consumer deaths: 2
  - Staff with positive cases: 39, 1 Death (24 in Marion County)
  - Staff deaths: 1
  - Cases in SGLs: 17 (mostly in Marion County)
  - Counties with staff positive cases: Adams, Bartholomew, Harrison, Hendricks, Johnson, Lake, Marion, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Wayne

- [FEMA Grants](#) – Available to non-profits only
- SBA Loans – Consult your local banks on whether you are in the queue or if you are required to re-apply after additional funding is made available
- New Coronavirus Bill – Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (as passed by the Senate)
  - Additional \$310B for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
  - \$75B for hospitals and healthcare providers
  - \$11B for State and Local Governments
  - \$50B for SBA Disaster Loan Program, \$10B reserved for Economic Injury Disaster Loans
  - Considered an interim next step



- Appendix K Analysis

- Anticipated end date: 8/31/2020
- Expands settings where RHS, SFC, and Day Services can be provided
- Temporarily suspended day services ratio requirements
- Changes to IR timelines: ANE & Confirmed COVID-19 cases must be reported within 24 hours; all other incidents reported within 48 hours
- Transportation: number of daily trips and annual cap waived
- PAC services may be provided to a minor by relatives, including parent(s), stepparent(s) and legal guardian(s) or groups of relatives beyond 40 hours per week
- PAC services may be provided by an adult participant's spouse or any combination of relatives beyond the 40 hours per week

- \$1 200 economic stimulus exclusion from group home client liability calculation

Guidance from OMPP on April 23:

Based on the guidance in the legislation, we are treating the stimulus checks the same as we currently treat tax refunds. For long-term care groups, the funds would be exempt from counting as income (for eligibility determination or liability calculation) and are also exempt from being counted as a resource for 12 months after they are received. The money is the member's to do with as they wish, and can be spent or given away within 12 months without any transfer penalty being incurred.

# Outstanding COVID-19 Requests

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- Group Home Staffing Limits
- DWD non profit unemployment question
- Health Care immunity from civil liability during COVID-19 outbreak – does this include ICF/IDDs?

# INARF COVID-19 Financial Impact Survey

- 32 survey responses
- Average of 117 days of operating cash on hand, including investments
- 10 with less than 60 days of operating cash on hand
- Average available line of credit was \$1,020,262
- Average COVID-19 related expenses of \$14,607, including expenses for personal protective equipment, cleaning agents, additional DSP training hours, technology for virtual meetings and client services, increased food supply, beds, and appliances
- Average lost revenue of \$165,335 per month, which represents a 22% revenue loss as a percentage of all typical revenue on average
- Average additional direct care staffing costs was \$47,887 per month
- Average additional indirect staffing costs was \$9,220 per month

# Non-COVID 19 Updates

- CIH and FS Waiver Extensions – Approved through July 16, 2020.
- Waiver Renewal – When the current public health emergency has ended, DDRS will work with CMS to finalize and approve the pending waiver renewals. The the new anticipated effective date for the renewals will be announced then.
- Waiver Redesign
  - BDDS temporarily paused internal waiver redesign efforts
  - Human Services Research Institute continues their work related to the redesign
  - Comment period for feedback on the initial concept paper will remain open – submit via the [electronic survey](#) or [DDRSwaivernoticecomment@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:DDRSwaivernoticecomment@fssa.IN.gov)
  - On or around May 1, 2020, DDRS will announce new listening sessions along with further details of how the redesign activities will resume

- MFAR
- HCBS Infrastructure Improvement Act ([S.3277](#))
- 1102 Task Force and workgroups
- Provider Reverification (aka Provider Reapproval) – temporarily suspended

# Electronic Visit Verification

- FSSA has communicated with CMS regarding EVV

<u>Will Be Required</u> in EVV	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Will Not Require</u> EVV
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RHS Hourly</li> <li>Respite</li> <li>PAC</li> <li>Service start and stop location (geolocation)</li> <li>When the individual receiving services lives with the caregiver providing the service (<u>unless the service code/modifier combination clearly identify it</u>)</li> </ul>	Client Signatures / Client Voice Verification	Specialized Medical Equipment

# CEO Transition Update

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- John Barth starts May 4
- Staff, including John, will work remotely week of May 4
- At John's request, he is doing weekly calls with Steve, mostly on COVID-19 issues, but also he has an INARF email address
- John has reviewed "one pagers", drafted by staff, covering major topics from budget process to role of consultant group and has been appreciative of this resource
- Virtual meet and greet with each team



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- John has an up-to-date calendar with joint meetings with Steve for May and joint meetings with Steve in June as John requests
- John will be the registered agent effective May 4 and is being added to bank accounts, etc. in May
- John plans to reach out to Board members (INARF and Ability Indiana) and then other CEOs in May and June
- On schedule; early initial investment by John

- Special Session – not likely to happen
- Current Budget Projections
  - March revenues down by 6% (\$70M) from projections
  - Current State contracts are being cut
  - Agencies are hearing significant cuts to agency budgets, actually looking at 2008/09 levels

- Save the date on your very busy calendars:
  - June 17, tentative time 4-6 PM –  
Welcome Reception for John Barth, new  
INARF/Ability Indiana President/CEO at The  
Lodge at The Willows



# Thank you!

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