



Member Forum

July 26, 2024



Board Chair Report

Welcome

- Donna Elbrecht, President/CEO, Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana & Cardinal Services

Today's Agenda

- **PathWays Implementation & Transition** – LeCedus Thompson, CEO, Phoenix Community Services, LLC
- **Association Update** – Nanette Hagedorn, INARF
- **Industry Update** – Brandi Foreman, Andrew Alvarez, & Courtney Scott, INARF



Association Update

Nanette Hagedorn, INARF



CEO Regional Lunch 'n Learn – “Travels”



- May 2023 Easterseals Arc of Northeast Indiana (Ft. Wayne)
- June 2023 Noble (Indpls.)
- July 2023 Easterseals Rehabilitation Center (Evansville)
- August 2023 Kaiser Home Support Services (New Albany)
- November 2023 LOGAN Community Resources, Inc. (South Bend)
- January 2024 Carey Services, Inc. (Marion)
- February 2024 ViaQuest Community Solutions (Indpls.)
- March 2024 Wabash Center, Inc. (Lafayette)
- July 2024 Life Adult Day Academy (Ft. Wayne)

- November 2024 TBD



“We Heard You”

Members are our #1 asset, and we strive to LISTEN to suggestions gleaned through casual conversations, email communications, survey feedback ...



*After years of providing our DSP Conference virtually, “we heard you” when you emphasized the importance of getting DSPs back together, **in person**, to learn, network, and be celebrated. We hope you will send your DSPs to the INARF DSP Conference on September 10th in Plainfield.*



“Behind the Scenes”

- **INARF Pre-Conference | October 8**
- **INARF Annual Conference | October 9 – 10**
- **Key Activities:**
 - ✓ **Venue Coordination - Complete**
 - ✓ **Program Development - Complete**
 - Partner Relationships – In Progress**
 - Sponsors – Thank you!**
 - Artisans – oh so Close**
 - Exhibitors - Needing Assistance**
 - Behind the Scenes – In Progress**
 - Registrations – In Progress (September 3 Earlybird)**
 - Welcome YOU!**





Upcoming Events

INARF Pre-Conference |

October 8

INARF Annual Conference |

October 9 – 10



Early Bird Registration Deadline - September 3



In-Person Opportunities:



August 23 | 10 AM – 12:30 PM (also Virtual)
INARF Member Forum & Board of Directors Meeting

August 27 | 9 AM – 12:30 PM
HIPAA Violations – Prevention, Reaction, and Compliance Training / Easterseals Crossroads (Indpls.)
Eileen Maguire, Eileen Maguire Law Office, P.C.

September 10 | 9:30 – 3:30 PM
Conference for DSPs / Embassy Suites (Plainfield)

September 17 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Pieces to the Group Home Financial Puzzle Training / Easterseals Crossroads (Indpls.)
Daniel Gaafar & Eric Neidig, Bradley Associates, CPAs

November 12 – 13 | 9 AM - 4 PM
Person-Centered Individualized Support Plan Facilitator Training / Easterseals Crossroads (Indpls.)
Gwen Chesterfield

Virtual Opportunities:



August 8 | Operations: 10 AM – Noon;
Programs: 12:30 – 2:30 PM
Quarterly Professional Interest Section Meetings

August 14 | 10 - 11 AM
Konversations with Katy (CEO Only)

August 23 | 10 AM – 12:30 PM (also In-Person)
INARF Member Forum & Board of Directors Meeting



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Industry Update

Andrew Alvarez,

Brandi Foreman, & Courtney Scott, INARF



INARF Biennial Salary Survey

INARF Strategic Priority: Data Collection, Advocacy

- Launching August 9
- **New this Year: Free to Participating Members!**
 - Goal: increase engagement in the survey
 - Charging \$75 to Members that did not respond to the survey, but would like the results
- Results will be available at the end of November
- Thanks to Mindy Duddy for leading this project!



IHCP Updates

- [BT2024110](#)
 - Temporary Emergency Financial Assistance Program for PathWays providers that experience a financial emergency as defined in law ([SEA 132](#)) due to PathWays claim payments issues. A provider is only eligible from the MCE in which the provider [successfully completed the PathWays claims testing process](#). If you are experiencing claim-processing challenges, contact the appropriate MCE provider relations contact.
- [BT2024108](#)
 - IHCP and Sandata identified and is addressing an issue preventing some EVV records for services submitted June 19, 2024 through July 8, 2024 from being accepted. The system was rejecting visit records for service codes that included multiple modifiers. Vendors will need to resubmit impact client visit data to Sandata if they receive the errors in the bulletin.



IHCP Updates

- [BT202455](#)
 - The Gainwell Technologies team will be moving their physical location, and along with this move, will also be changing their P.O. Box addresses
 - Effective August 1, 2024, all correspondence should be directed to the appropriate P.O. Box.
 - Prior mail addresses will remain available until stakeholders have had ample time to accommodate this change.



Pre-Voc Certification Update

- According to the DDRS Waiver Manual, Pre-voc must have one of the following accreditations:
- Must obtain/maintain accreditation (specific to Indiana programs) by at least one of the following organizations:
 - The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), or its successor
 - The Council on Quality and Leadership In Supports for People with Disabilities, or its successor
 - The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), or its successor
 - The National Committee for Quality Assurance, or its successor – The ISO-9001 human services quality assurance (QA) system (No distinction between ISO-9001 and ISO-9001 human services quality assurance (QA) system)
 - An independent national accreditation organization approved by the FSSA Secretary



PathWays/H&W Waitlist

- No waitlist for the overall PathWays program - **only individuals eligible for waiver services under PathWays may be placed on a waitlist.**
 - As of July 1st - 9,015 people are on the waitlist for PathWays Waiver and 3,762 are on the waiting list for the Health and Wellness Waiver
 - [H&W Waiver Waiting Checklist](#)
 - [H&W Waiver Waiting List Process](#)
 - [PathWays Waiver Checklist for those enrolled in PathWays](#)
 - [PathWays Waiver Checklist for those **not** in PathWays](#)
 - [PathWays Waiver Waiting List Process](#)
 - [Waiver Waiting List Initiation FAQ](#)



HCSP Training Initiative

- [Syra Health Corp.](#) Was awarded an initial 4-year contract to provide HCSP Training Services for the state of Indiana.
 - [SEA 309](#) requires the division to consult with stakeholders and establish a tiered training certification program for direct support professionals.
 - Part of the [Indiana Direct Service Workforce Plan](#) to provide standardized foundational training to DSP's throughout the state.
 - Registry for DSP's will be housed here in the future as well.
 - https://www.in.gov/idoa/proc/recommendations/files/RFP-24-78490%20HCSP_20240712.zip



INARF Member Org. Snapshot

INARF Strategic Priorities: Advocacy, Data Collection

- New form sent out! (7/23)
 - Separate from Salary Survey
- Asking for data that is helpful for advocacy:
 - # of people served
 - # employed
 - Average DSP wage
 - # of DSP vacancies
 - DSP turnover rate
 - Services provided
 - Counties served
- **Due Friday, August 9 at 5 PM**



Legislative Agenda

- Consensus on the goal: No rate cuts.
- Budget planning already moving
- Key meetings for summer and fall:
 - Senator Braun and staffers
 - Legislators (Ways and Means and Appropriations)
 - Fiscal staffers for House and Senate
- Engage INARF members as well
- Not finalized yet



Federal Advocacy

- DC Fly-In  Indiana Fly-In
 - Mutually beneficial (election year)
 - August recess
 - Tour, pictures, and slower pace
- Working with legislators' offices:
 - Mrvan (later in fall)
 - Yakym (8/30)
 - Baird (later in fall)
 - Spartz
 - Carson
 - Houchin (8/5)
 - Banks
 - Young (8/9)



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