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Re: OPWDD Call Notes

Data: Tamika Black provided data on those affected by COVID-19 in our certified residential settings. As of July 22, 2020, there have been 3,217 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 2,603 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 443 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 3,789 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

As of July 29, 2020, there have been 3,247 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 2,630 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 444 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 3,859 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

Revised Guidance: Willow Baer reviewed the two updated Guidance Documents released yesterday evening.

The first, the Revised COVID-19 Protocols for Direct Care Staff Return to Work, contained mostly minor adjustments from guidance issued 3/28/20. It did speak to those personnel who travelled in the past 14 days or a state with significant community spread of the coronavirus.

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The second guidance document addressed new requirements for Coronavirus management in certified programs. Among the topic areas are visitation and community outings, the documentation of health checks for staff and additional screenings for staff and other visitor

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That concluded the stakeholder meeting.

Lastly, I want to report that OPWDD leadership has set a meeting with the Provider Association reps from the Rate Rationalization workgroup tomorrow to review the proposals we made to them after CMS had pulled the Retainer Day payment mechanism from all of the states. We do know that there was some understanding and potential agreement to some of our requests at OPWDD, but we also know that the NY State's financial condition is making the continuation of retainer days a monumental lift. We remain hopeful but know the sobering effect of the lack of federal support for all of NY State's budgetary woes.