

Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and opening remarks**
Amy Rohling McGee, President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio
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- 9:40 a.m. **Connections between work and health**
Rachel Garfield, Associate Director, Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Kaiser Family Foundation
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- 10:15 a.m. **What works to increase self-sufficient employment**
Hailey Akah, Health Policy Analyst, Health Policy Institute of Ohio
Zach Reat, Health Policy Analyst, Health Policy Institute of Ohio
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- 10:50 a.m. **Activity break**
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- 11:00 a.m. **Overview of effective evidence-based workforce programs**
Karin VanZant, Executive Director, Life Services, CareSource
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- 11:15 a.m. **Ohio panel: Evidence in action**
Moderator: Karin VanZant
Panelists:
- **Wendy Bowles**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, Assistant Dean for Baccalaureate Programs, The Ohio State University College of Nursing
 - **Jimmie Bruce**, President, Eastern Gateway Community College
 - **Tim Meister**, Superintendent of Schools, Four County Career Center
 - **Tara Rohr**, Nursing Instructor, Columbus State Community College
 - **Rick Wegmann**, Executive Director, Miami Valley Works
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- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch and networking**
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- 1:00 p.m. **Translating self-sufficiency into policy**
Robert Doar, Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies, American Enterprise Institute
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- 1:35 p.m. **What's next for Medicaid work requirements in Ohio**
James Tassie, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid
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- 2:00 p.m. **Evaluation and closing comments**
Amy Rohling McGee

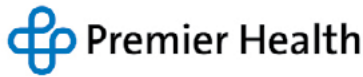


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Speaker biographies

Rachel Garfield, PhD, MHS

Senior Researcher and Associate Director, Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Kaiser Family Foundation

Rachel Garfield is a Senior Researcher for the Kaiser Family Foundation and Associate Director for its program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, where she is responsible for directing data analysis on insurance coverage and access to care for the low-income population. She also conducts work in public financing for behavioral health services.

Dr. Garfield's work has appeared in several clinical and policy peer-reviewed journals. Prior to joining the Kaiser Family Foundation, Dr. Garfield was an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health; she has also held positions as a policy analyst in Medicaid/CHIP policy and research consultant for hospital operations and management. Dr. Garfield received her PhD in health policy from Harvard University and holds an MHS in health policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Hailey Akah, JD, MA

Health Policy Analyst, Health Policy Institute of Ohio

Hailey Akah is a Health Policy Analyst at the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Akah analyzes health policy issues such as population health, prevention, healthcare access and quality, social determinants of health, health equity and value-based payment. She also assists with HPIO's in-house legal work and internal evaluation efforts.

Akah holds a law degree and a master's in public policy from the Ohio State University. She also holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Lawrence University.

Zach Reat, MPA

Health Policy Analyst, Health Policy Institute of Ohio

Zach Reat is a Health Policy Analyst at the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Reat analyzes health policy issues such as Medicaid, private health insurance and connections between health and social factors including housing and income. Prior to joining HPIO in 2016, Reat worked at non-profit organizations in central Ohio to raise awareness about homelessness and connect Ohioans with benefits, health insurance and free tax assistance.

Zach holds a master's of public administration degree from Ohio University and a bachelor's degree from Otterbein University.

Karin VanZant, MPA

Executive Director, Life Services, CareSource

Karin VanZant is the Executive Director of Life Services at CareSource. She has been charged with building a new division of CareSource that will transition current Medicaid members off of government subsidies into a high quality

life. Life Services will accomplish this goal through assisting members to build a solid structure of economic and social supports that, when coupled with the health supports currently in place, will give members a new path for their future.

Prior to joining CareSource, Karin VanZant was the co-founder and Executive Director of Think Tank, Inc. For 10 years as the organization's leader, Karin assisted the team to live out the mission of equipping and facilitating collaboration among people and organizations seeking ways to promote greater connectedness and a more thriving community. Prior to starting Think Tank, Karin VanZant has served in various leadership capacities in the nonprofit sector through the Community Action Network – at the local level and as a member of the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies. This has included working with diverse teams to develop and implement strategies and approaches aimed at fostering economic opportunity and personal and community leadership potential present among under-resourced neighborhoods and groups.

Karin VanZant has an MPA in public administration (2008) and a BA in social work (1998) from Wright State University. Karin is certified in various curriculums including Bridges Out of Poverty, Family Development & WIA Case Management. She has helped author presentations and curriculum for use within nonprofit, business and faith-based organizations seeking to become relevant and holistic in their approach to poverty alleviation. Karin also teaches at Antioch Midwest University and Wright State University on a variety of subjects including U.S. hunger and poverty, introduction to human services, grant writing, leading change, coaching as management, holistic case management and emotional intelligence. She lives in Springfield, Ohio with her husband and her son.

Wendy Bowles, PhD, RN, APRN-CNP

Assistant Dean for Baccalaureate Programs; Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, Ohio State University College of Nursing

Wendy Bowles has been a nurse since 1994 and a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner since 1998. In addition to a fulfilling career as a nurse, she began her journey in nursing education in 2005 and realized the importance of educating future nurses for current practice environments. She is committed to advancing the science of evidence-based pedagogies of teaching and learning in nursing education. Her research includes extensive work with alternative pedagogies, curricular development, and student engagement.

She has presented her work both nationally and internationally. She is currently receiving funding to implement a collaborative model for seamless academic progression between associate degree and RN to BSN programs in Ohio. This model will serve as a resource for academic institutions both statewide and nationally and

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will assist in the efforts to meet the recommendation from the Institute of Medicine that 80 percent of nurses are baccalaureate prepared by 2020.

Jimmie Bruce, Ed.D

President, Eastern Gateway Community College

Dr. Bruce is the President of Eastern Gateway Community College in Ohio. He is the fourth president of the college and since arriving in July of 2015, the college has increased its enrollment 600 percent. Eastern Gateway Community College is a multi-campus college with campuses in Steubenville and Youngstown, Ohio, as well as online. The college serves more than 18,000 students and offers over 40 programs.

Dr. Bruce has 30 years of experience in higher education instruction and administration. He came to Ohio from Texas, where he served as Vice President of Academic Success at Northwest Vista College in San Antonio, Texas – One of five Alamo Colleges serving the greater San Antonio area.

Dr. Bruce was also the Dean of Student Success and Chief Student Affairs Officer at Northwest Vista College. During his three years as Dean, Northwest Vista was one of the fastest growing community colleges in the United States. He came to Texas from Elizabethtown Community and Technical College in Kentucky, where he served as a tenured faculty member, division chair and administrator for thirteen years.

Dr. Bruce earned a bachelor of arts degree in public relations and a master of arts degree in organizational communication from Western Kentucky University. He holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

Tim Meister, MA

Superintendent of Schools, Four County Career Center

Tim Meister has been the Superintendent of the Four County Career Center since 2006. Located in Archbold, Ohio, the Career Center serves the four most Northwest counties in Ohio. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Career Tech Superintendents (OACTS). He was appointed by the state superintendent to the Education Management Information System (EMIS) advisory council in August 2018.

He received his bachelor of science in education from Defiance College, and earned a master in education from Bowling Green State University. He completed the Career Tech Aspiring Superintendent Program at Ohio State University.

Tara Rohr, DNP, RN

Nursing Instructor, Columbus State Community College

Dr. Tara Rohr has been a nurse for over 16 years and a nursing educator for the past 12 years. She is currently an assistant professor in the nursing program at Columbus State Community College. She also serves as the Nursing Program Coordinator for Academic Pathways and the faculty fellow for assessment within the college.

Dr. Rohr has been an active member within the Ohio Action Coalition to enhance seamless progression for Associate Degree Nursing students to obtain a Baccalaureate degree in Nursing. Through this work, she has been working with The Ohio State University on a collaborative model for seamless academic progression. The developed model will assist with meeting the recommendation that 80 percent of nurses will be baccalaureate prepared by 2020 from the Institute of Medicine.

Richard Wegmann, MBA

Executive Director, Miami Valley Works

Rick is the Executive Director at Miami Valley Works, a service of Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley. He provides oversight for the strategic direction, finances, and implementation of the Miami Valley Works program, based on the award winning Cincinnati Works poverty reduction program.

Prior to leading the Miami Valley Works program, Rick was the co-founder of an information technology firm doing work for the United States Department of Defense. He has an MBA from Wright State University and a BBA from the University of Cincinnati. He is a member of the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board and current President of the Rotary Club of Dayton. He has been bestowed numerous national awards and honors over the course of his career for his volunteer work and leadership.

Robert Doar, BA

Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies, American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

Robert Doar is the Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where his research focuses on how improved federal and state antipoverty policies and safety net programs can reduce poverty, connect individuals to work, strengthen families and increase opportunities for low-income Americans and their children.

While at AEI, Mr. Doar has served as a co-chair of the National Commission on Hunger and as a lead

Speaker biographies (cont.)

member of the AEI-Brookings Working Group on Poverty and Opportunity, which published the report titled "Opportunity, Responsibility, and Security: A Consensus Plan for Reducing Poverty and Restoring the American Dream." He is also the editor of "A Safety Net That Works: Improving Federal Programs for Low-Income Americans," an AEI publication in which experts discuss major federal public assistance programs and offer proposals for reform.

Before joining AEI, he worked for Mayor Michael Bloomberg as commissioner of New York City's Human Resources Administration. While administering 12 public assistance programs, including cash welfare, food assistance, public health insurance, child support enforcement services, and others, he oversaw a 25 percent reduction in the city's welfare caseload. Before joining the Bloomberg administration, he was commissioner of social services for the state of New York, where he helped to make the state a model for the implementation of welfare reform.

Mr. Doar has testified numerous times before Congress, and his writing has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Hill and National Review, among other publications.

Mr. Doar has a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University.

James Tassie, Esq.

Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid

Jim Tassie is the Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid and concurrently serves as the department's Director of Policy. Before becoming Assistant Director, Jim served as the department's first Chief Legal Counsel until January 2015. He previously served as Deputy Chief Legal Counsel under Governor Bob Taft and as a senior staff attorney for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Jim started his career in the Office of the Ohio Attorney General, where he practiced education law and appellate advocacy as part of the Office's Major Appeals Group.

Jim received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and holds a Juris Doctorate from the Ohio State University College of Law.

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