The state of Ohio’s health: 2019 Health Value Dashboard release

April 4, 2019 • Mid-Ohio Foodbank • Grove City, Ohio

Agenda

9:30 a.m.  Welcome and opening remarks
            Amy Rohling McGee, President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio

9:40 a.m.  Moving toward health value: Where we are now and how we can improve
            Reem Aly, Vice President, Healthcare System and Innovation Policy, HPIO
            Amy Bush Stevens, Vice President, Prevention and Public Health Policy, HPIO

10:10 a.m. Think upstream, act locally: Do something about social determinants of health
            Dr. Len M. Nichols, Director, Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics, George Mason University

10:45 a.m. The hazards of a “dam-good” intervention: Threats to well-intentioned upstream population health solutions
            Dr. Ray Bignall, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Nationwide Children’s Hospital & Ohio State University College of Medicine

11:15 a.m. Lunch and networking

12:00 p.m. A lasting impact on health outcomes
            Dr. Paul Kuehnert, Associate Vice President – Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

12:30 p.m. Activity break

12:45 p.m. Panel: Achieving health value through upstream collaboration
            Moderator: Dr. Deena Chisolm, Principal Investigator, Center for Innovation in Pediatric Practice, Nationwide Children’s Hospital
            • Carrie Baker, President and CEO, Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus
            • Dr. Rob Crane, President, Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation
            • Holli Ritzenthaler, Assistant Vice President, Community Counseling, OhioGuidestone
            • Aslyne Rodriguez, Co-founder & CEO, EmpowerBus LLC

1:30 p.m.  Evaluation, closing comments and optional Foodbank tour
            Amy Rohling McGee, President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio

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Speaker biographies

**Reem Aly, JD, MA**  
Vice President, Healthcare System and Innovation Policy, Health Policy Institute of Ohio  
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Reem Aly is the Vice President of Healthcare System and Innovation Policy at the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Aly leads work on healthcare system performance, payment alignment and telehealth and serves as HPIO’s in-house legal counsel.

Prior to joining HPIO in June 2011, Aly worked as a consultant and administrative resident at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Aly also worked in the legal field at OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. and Bricker & Eckler LLC. Aly holds a law degree and master’s of health administration, as well as a bachelor of science in psychology and a bachelor of arts in international relations from the Ohio State University. Aly was named one of six inaugural recipients of AcademyHealth’s 2013 Presidential Scholarship for the AcademyHealth Institute on Advocacy and Public Policy.

**Amy Bush Stevens, MSW, MPH**  
Vice President, Prevention and Public Health Policy, Health Policy Institute of Ohio  
@AmyStevensHPIO

Amy Bush Stevens is the Vice President of Prevention and Public Health Policy at the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Stevens leads work on population health and also serves as HPIO’s evaluation coordinator.

Prior to joining HPIO, Stevens served as the Program Evaluator at the Community Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox counties and as a program evaluation trainer and coach with local prevention coalitions through the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. As an independent consultant, Stevens partnered with numerous public health organizations and prevention coalitions in rural Ohio to conduct community assessments, strategic planning and program evaluation.

Stevens began her research and evaluation career at Wilder Research Center in Minnesota, and at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University. She holds master’s degrees in Public Health and Social Work from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor’s degree in Religion from Kenyon College.

**Len M. Nichols, PhD**  
Director, Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics, George Mason University  
@LenMNichols

Len Nichols has been the Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics (CHPRE) and a Professor of Health Policy at George Mason University since March 2010. He has been intimately involved in health reform debates, policy development, and communication with the media and policy makers for 25+ years, after he was Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the Clinton Administration. Since that time he has testified frequently before Congress and state legislatures, published extensively and spoken to a wide range of hospital associations, hospital systems, physician groups, boards of directors, and health policy leadership forums around the country.

After OMB, Nichols was a Principle Research Associate at the Urban Institute, Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, and Director of the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation. In addition to his positions at GMU Nichols is on the Board of Directors of the National Committee for Quality Assurance and in 2015 was appointed by the Comptroller General to serve on the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), which advises the Secretary of HHS on Medicare payment policies.

Nichols was an advisor to the Virginia Health Reform Initiative and is now the payment reform advisor to the Virginia Center for Health Innovation. Nichols was an Innovation Advisor to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at CMS in 2012, and has recently been the Principal Investigator on PCMH evaluation studies as well as in more general studies of how to use payment and delivery reform to achieve triple aim and health equity goals. Recently he has helped develop an economic model to incentivize sustainable investments in upstream social determinants of health.

Nichols’ first job was teaching economics at Wellesley College from 1980-1991, where he became Associate Professor and Economics Department Chair, after receiving his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois in 1980. Nichols received his B.A. from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and his M.A. in economics from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife Nora Super of the Milken Institute.

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Speaker biographies (cont.)

O.N. Ray Bignall II, MD, FAAP
Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Nationwide Children's Hospital & Ohio State University College of Medicine
@DrRayMD

O. N. Ray Bignall II, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Nephrology at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Bignall received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Howard University, a Doctorate of Medicine from Meharry Medical College and a Certificate in Health Policy at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at Meharry. He completed his general pediatrics residency, clinical fellowship in nephrology and a National Institutes of Health T32 post-doctoral research fellowship in the Center for Treatment Adherence and Self-Management, all at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Bignall’s academic interests include social determinants of health, population health, and health disparities in pediatric kidney disease and transplantation. He is a recipient of the American Academy of Pediatrics Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) award, and was appointed a John E. Lewy Fund Advocacy Scholar of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN). He currently serves as a member of the Public Policy Committee of the ASPN, and the Policy and Advocacy Committee of the American Society of Nephrology.

In addition, Dr. Bignall is involved in a variety of community and child health advocacy efforts, including the Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Families initiative and the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust.

Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN
Associate Vice President – Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
@PaulKuehnert

Paul Kuehnert is associate vice president – program for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation where he provides leadership and management direction for the Foundation’s work related to leadership and transforming health and health care systems.

Coming of age in the 1960s with parents who were faith-community-based activists for peace and justice, it wasn’t that big of a surprise to anyone in his family when Kuehnert decided to flout gender norms and become a nurse. What started as a bit of a dare and a way to make ends meet transformed into a vocation when he became a public health nurse early in his career. Serving children and parents in St. Louis’ Head Start Program ignited his passion for community-focused health promotion and advocacy—a passion that just won’t quit.

As an executive leader for more than 25 years, Kuehnert has led both governmental and community-based organizations in order to help people lead healthier lives. In the late 1980s he was a founder and later CEO of Community Response, Inc., one of the Chicago area’s largest housing, nutrition and social service providers for people living with HIV/AIDS.

He moved to Maine in 1999 and served in the state health department, leading the development of a regional public health system and becoming deputy director of the department in 2003. From 2006 to 2012, when he joined RWJF, Kuehnert was the county health officer and executive director for health in Kane County, Illinois, a metro-Chicago county of 515,000. There he led four departments—Public Health, Community Reinvestment, Animal Control and Emergency Management—and worked with leaders from the private and public sectors to create the first county-level master plan in Illinois that integrated health, land use, and transportation.

Kuehnert is a pediatric nurse practitioner and holds the Doctor of Nursing Practice in executive leadership as well as the master’s of science in public health nursing degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was named a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow in 2004 and inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 2015.

Deena J. Chisolm, PhD
Director, Center for Innovation in Pediatrics Practice, Nationwide Children’s Hospital
@BeingDrDeena

Dr. Deena Chisolm is the Director of the Center for Innovation in Pediatrics Practice and Vice-President for Health Services Research in the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. She holds appointments as Associate Professor in Pediatrics and Public Health at The Ohio State University.

Her research focuses on improving health and healthcare for children and families with over 75 peer-reviewed publications on pediatric health services, outcomes and disparities. Her current projects explore how health literacy, health policy and social factors influence the health of at-risk adolescents transitioning to adulthood. Her research is funded by agencies including the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Dr. Chisolm currently serves as the Chairman of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, a Board member for the Health Policy Institute of Ohio and a member of the CMS Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education. She earned her B.S. in Biological Science Education from Miami University and her M.S. in Preventive Medicine and Doctorate in Public Health from The Ohio State University.
Speaker biographies (cont.)

Carrie Baker
President and CEO, Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus

Carrie Baker currently serves as President and CEO of the Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus. The Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus is an independent, not-for-profit organization committed to transforming the quality, delivery and affordability of healthcare to ensure that all people in the Columbus region have the best healthcare experience possible.

Carrie has been working in and around healthcare in Columbus and across Ohio for over 15 years. She has focused on advocacy and quality improvement with providers and payers in non-profit and membership organizations. Carrie has worked closely with the Ohio General Assembly and various Ohio Administrations, as well as officials in the federal government, on issues such as payment reform, hospital reimbursement, chronic disease management and child health priorities.

Former employers include the Ohio Nurses Association, the Ohio Manufacturers’ Association, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Children’s Hospital Association and President of her own consulting group. She is very involved in the Columbus community and is a proud 2017 recipient of Columbus Business First’s 40 Under 40 Award.

Rob Crane, MD
President, Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation

Rob is a clinical professor of family medicine at Ohio State University. He is the founder and president of the Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation, an organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the risks of nicotine addiction and raising the legal minimum sales age for all nicotine products to 21.

He was co-chair for “SmokeFree Columbus,” the coalition that helped pass smokefree laws in a dozen Central Ohio communities that led to statewide Ohio legislation. He is the recipient of the 2011 Public Health Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians and the 2014 C. Everett Koop Award from the American Lung Association.

Holli Ritzenthaler, MSSA, LISW-S
Assistant Vice President, Community Counseling, OhioGuidestone

Holli Ritzenthaler is the Assistant Vice President of Community Counseling at OhioGuidestone where she manages all child and adolescent community counseling programs in Cuyahoga County. Holli oversees centralized intake and assessment, the operationalization of the PLAY Project for children with Autism and Intensive Home-Based Treatment. Holli also directs the highly specialized Early Childhood Mental Health program, which incorporates cutting edge research and innovation into work with children from birth to 6 years old and their families that have been impacted by trauma and toxic stress.

Holli further contributes her 15 years of clinical and 10 years of leadership experience as a clinical fellow with OhioGuidestone’s Institute of Family and Community Impact. As a clinical fellow she is a co-investigator on research protocols evaluating programs and tools that directly impact childhood and family outcomes, and co-author of a neuroscience-based intervention to increase childhood resilience and improve relationships in families. She also serves as the Chair of the Northeast Chapter of the Ohio Association for Infant Mental Health.

Holli earned her master’s of science in Social Administration degree from Case Western Reserve University and holds the Ohio ECMH Consultant Credential from the Ohio Department of Education.

Aslyne Rodriguez, MS
Co-founder & CEO, EmpowerBus LLC

Aslyne Rodriguez is the co-founder and CEO of EmpowerBus LLC. EmpowerBus provides upward mobility for all by delivering dignified, reliable and on-time transportation to and from work, education and healthcare opportunities. EmpowerBus utilizes clustering and strategic partnerships to address the transportation barriers that are facing communities throughout Central Ohio.

Aslyne graduated from Ohio University, with a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Spanish. After graduation, Aslyne was accepted into the prestigious Teach For America (TFA) program, a national corps of recent college graduates and professionals who commit two years to teach in urban and rural schools and become leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity. While teaching in New York, Aslyne also received her masters of science for teachers from Pace University.

Following Aslyne’s TFA tenure, she worked for Ohio State Senators Tom Roberts and Fred Strahorn, their emphasis and efforts were also on education. The absence from the classroom persuaded Aslyne to return to teaching, this time in Columbus, Ohio as a middle school literacy teacher at KIPP Journey Academy. KIPP later led to an opportunity for Aslyne to become the Co-Executive Director of After-School All-Stars Ohio. She honed her leadership, development and business acumen at After-School All-Stars that opened the doors for her next quest with WELD (Women For Economic and Leadership Development) and Yokel, Aslyne’s first start-up and now EmpowerBus.

Aslyne attributes many of her accomplishments to the enormous support, love and encouragement she has received from both her family and friends.
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