



Ohio's policy response to addiction

Law enforcement and the criminal justice system

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Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and opening remarks**
Amy Rohling McGee, President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio
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- 9:45 a.m. **Ohio's policy response to addiction: Law enforcement and the criminal justice system**
Amy Bush Stevens, Vice President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio
Hailey Akah, Health Policy Analyst, Health Policy Institute of Ohio
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- 10:15 a.m. **What's on the Horizon? Sentencing and bail reform**
Marta Nelson, Senior Fellow, Strategy and New Initiatives, Vera Institute of Justice
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- 10:55 a.m. **Bail and pretrial in Ohio courts: A review of recent inquiries and proposed changes**
Dr. Niki Hotchkiss, Research Specialist, Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission
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- 11:15 a.m. **Lunch and networking**
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- 12:00 p.m. **Drug courts: What does the evidence say?**
Vanessa Price, Director, National Drug Court Institute
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- 12:40 p.m. **Update on specialized dockets in Ohio**
Monica Kagey, Manager, Specialized Dockets Section, Supreme Court of Ohio
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- 1:10 p.m. **Activity Break**
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- 1:15 p.m. **Panel: Understanding addiction treatment within Ohio jails**
Moderator: Tara Britton, Director, Public Policy and Advocacy, Edward D. and Dorothy E. Lynde Fellow, The Center for Community Solutions
- **Jennifer Clayton**, Deputy Director of Holistic Services, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
 - **Melissa Myers Fischer**, Assistant Jail Administrator, Lorain County Sheriff's Office
 - **Michael Heldman**, Hancock County Sheriff, Chair, Ohio Jail Advisory Board
 - **Scotty Mays**, Peer Recovery Support Specialist, Montgomery County Jail
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- 2:00 p.m. **Evaluation and closing comments**
Amy Rohling McGee, President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio



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Speaker biographies

Amy Bush Stevens, MSW, MPH

Vice President, Health Policy Institute of Ohio

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Amy Bush Stevens is a Vice President 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.

Hailey Akah, JD, MA

Health Policy Analyst, Health Policy Institute of Ohio

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Hailey Akah is a Health Policy Analyst at the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Akah analyzes key 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 of arts in public policy from the Ohio State University. She also holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Lawrence University.

Marta Nelson, Esq.

Senior Fellow, Strategy and New Initiatives, Vera Institute of Justice

Marta Nelson joined the Vera Institute of Justice as a Senior Fellow in November 2019 to research and write on sentencing reform. Prior to joining Vera, she served from 2014-2019 as the Executive Director of Reentry and Special Counselor for Criminal Justice Initiatives in the office of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. She guided legislative and administrative

changes that reduced barriers affecting individuals with criminal convictions, and helped the state deliver comprehensive bail reform in 2019.

Previous positions include the Executive Director of the New York City office of the Center for Employment Opportunities, an organization that helps formerly incarcerated individuals find and keep jobs after leaving prison. During a previous tenure at Vera, Nelson served as the director of demonstration projects overseeing Project Greenlight (helping prepare incarcerated people for release) and Adolescent Portable Therapy (a substance abuse treatment modality for teenagers moving in and out of the juvenile justice system).

Nelson began her public service career as a prisoners' right attorney at the Legal Aid Society of New York. She grew up in Ohio and graduated from high school in Athens, Ohio, before earning a BA in religious studies from Brown University and a JD from the University of Michigan Law School.

Nikole Hotchkiss, PhD

Research Specialist, Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission

Niki Hotchkiss is a research specialist with the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission. Prior to joining the Commission's office in 2019, Hotchkiss served as a statistics analyst at the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Previously, she was a faculty member at Kenyon College and Washington College. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and public affairs from the University of Denver and a master's and PhD in sociology from Indiana University.

Vanessa Price, FAAFP

Director, National Drug Court Institute

Vanessa Price was employed as a police officer with the City of Oklahoma City from October 1990 through January 2012. She retired at the rank of Inspector and was assigned to operations administration as the Interim Executive Director for Weed and Seed Programs. Price held that position from September 2009 through January 2012.

From May of 1998 to September 2009, Price was with the Oklahoma County Drug Court. She was instrumental in the development of the Oklahoma County Drug Court Program; including policy manual development, budgeting and staff training. Training presentations and curriculum development include recognizing the

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signs of mental illness, identification of a subject under the influence of drugs, effectively communicating with consumers, strengths-based interviewing, team building, drug testing, program planning and development, grant writing, community supervision, cultural proficiency for consumers served, ethics and confidentiality in treatment programs, psychopharmacology of drugs for first responders and community resource identification and development.

In May 2014, Price was appointed by the governor of Oklahoma to serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. In January 2015 she was reappointed to a four-year term and elected to serve as chair of the organization. Price joined the staff of NADCP in August of 2016 to serve as the Director of the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI). Price has an associate's degree from Oklahoma State University in applied police science and a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in criminal justice

Tara Britton, MPA

Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Edward D. and Dorothy E. Lynde Fellow, The Center for Community Solutions

Tara Britton joined The Center for Community Solutions (CCS) in October, 2010, and currently serves as Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Edward D. and Dorothy E. Lynde Fellow. Located in the Community Solutions' Columbus office, Britton leads the CCS public policy team, engages with state policymakers and serves as an author of CCS blogs and reports on a variety of health and human service topics.

Britton serves on the Public Policy Committee of the United Way of Central Ohio, as co-chair of Advocates for Ohio's Future and on the board of the Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus. Prior to joining Community Solutions, Britton was an assistant for three years at a Columbus consulting firm, with a focus on the state legislative process. In that role, she tracked legislation and provided reports on hearings in the Ohio House and Senate. Britton obtained a master's of public administration and bachelor's of arts in political science, both from Ohio State University.

Jennifer A. Clayton, RN, BA, CCHP

Deputy Director, Holistic Services, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Jennifer Clayton is the current Deputy Director of Holistic Services for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (ODRC). Clayton leads the following statewide DRC service areas: healthcare systems to include medical, behavioral health, recovery and addiction, sex offender, and dental services; the Ohio Central School System (OCSS); religious services programming; and recreation services.

The model of holistic services in ODRC is focused on harnessing the wealth of knowledge and programs

represented by each service area and to connect the incarcerated Ohioan with the appropriate resources in an individualized pathway of success.

Former positions with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction include: Chief, Office of Correctional Healthcare, Healthcare Analytics Administrator, Director of Nursing, Regional Nurse Administrator, Telehealth Coordinator, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Healthcare Administrator, and various line staff positions across the spectrum of institutional services.

Clayton is an integral member of the Ohio Medication Assisted Treatment Committee, sponsored by the National Governors Association and the American Correctional Association and she serves as the criminal justice committee co-chair for Governor DeWine's Recovery Ohio initiative. Clayton is a member of the American Correctional Association, and also served 3 years on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC), whose mission is to improve quality of care for long-term care residents in the United States. She received her bachelor's of arts in sociology/philosophy from the University of Kentucky and her nursing degree from Hocking College. She has routinely presented on correctional health topics during her career, to include various colleges in Ohio, within the ODRC, and for the American Correctional Association.

Melissa Myers Fischer, MPA

Assistant Jail Administrator, Lorain County Sheriff's Office

Fischer joined the Lorain County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in July of 2017 as a project specialist and was promoted to assistant jail administrator in 2019.

She holds a bachelor's of arts in social work and master's degree of public administration. She is a USAF veteran having served in Operation Desert Storm. With 20 years of leadership experience working in county government and the non-profit sector, her experience has directly contributed to the implementation of new programs and practices at the LCSO. In her current role, she assists in managing jail operations to include personnel management, budget and contract management, grant writing and development and monitoring of inmate programs and services to include oversight of the jail's medical and mental health division.

In her short time at the Sheriff's Office, she has developed new programs, services and practices to include the Opiate Overdose Response Team program, the Medication Assisted Treatment program for jail operations, developed protocols for information sharing with community providers, policy development, instituted peer recovery support, implemented Inmate Narcan training and distribution, instituted jail casement services, and streamlined jail pharmaceutical operations.

Panelist biographies (cont.)

Myers Fischer currently serves on the Lorain County Community Corrections Planning Commission, County Opiate Action Team, is the Sheriff's representative to the Ohio Jail Advisory Board and Bureau of Adult Detention MAT Sub-committee, is the Sheriff's representative to the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association and member of their Medical and Mental Health subcommittee, serves as a representative to various local community committees, is the Coordinator for the Lorain County Stepping Up Initiative and is current Board President of the Lorain County Children Services Board.

Michael E. Heldman

Hancock County Sheriff, Chair, Ohio Jail Advisory Board

Sheriff Heldman has worked in the law enforcement field for more than 40 years. He started his career at Owens Technical College in 1971, majoring in law enforcement. In February 1972, he was appointed to Deputy Sheriff for the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. While with the Office, he has served in various positions, beginning as a road patrol deputy, investigating complaints and accidents.

In 1981, he was promoted to the rank of Shift Sergeant. During this period he started the Crime Prevention Unit and worked with local community members, developing a successful countywide Block Watch program. In 1984, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, overseeing the civil and corrections areas. In 1986, in cooperation

with the Findlay/Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff Heldman started the Crime Stopper Program. Then in 1987, he was one of the incorporators of the Crime Prevention Association of Findlay/Hancock County, which oversees all of the county crime prevention programs.

Sheriff Heldman has been a certified instructor with the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Council for Basic Police Training and Corrections Training, and has assisted with training at various Crime Prevention seminars.

Over the years, Sheriff Heldman has served as a District II Representative and as Secretary of the Executive Board for the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. He is currently chairing the Training and Education Committee and the Community Corrections Committee for the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. He is a past President of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, serving in 2004. In 2012 Sheriff Heldman was appointed as a trustee to the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections. He also represents the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association on the Ohio Jail Advisory Board, to which he has served as chair since 2012. In 2013, Sheriff Heldman was appointed to the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission by former Governor Kasich.

Sheriff Heldman is currently serving his sixth term as Sheriff of Hancock County.

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