Advocates for Ohio’s Future
Political and Field Call

Featuring:

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Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks (OASHF)

Larke Recchie, Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (o4a)
Today’s Agenda

- 3:00-3:05 Introductions and Purpose of the Call - Will Petrik
- 3:05-3:15 Susan Ackerman - Key Dates, Highlights of Budget Bill (HB 153), and Main Concerns
- 3:15-3:25 Lisa Hamler-Fugitt - Sub Bill update, HB 153 impact on safety net services, Rising food and fuel costs
- 3:25-3:35 Larke Recchie - What is in HB 153 for Aging? (the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly)
- 3:35-3:45 Will - How can you get involved?
- 3:45-3:55 Q and A
Highlights of HB 153 (State Budget Proposal, FY 2012-2013)

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Key Dates

• Today, May 2: Public testimony finishes
• May 3: Vote out of committee/Additional amendments likely
• May 5: House Floor vote
• May 3: Senate testimony begins
Highlights - House Budget Bill

• Overall GRF spending is increased

• New winners and losers created

• Policy changes
Key Concerns Remain

- PASSPORT
- Behavioral Health
- County Human Service Systems
- HIV/AIDS
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Sub Bill Update

- Kinship Permanency Incentive Program funding restored at $2.5 million in 2012 and 2013
- Federally Qualified Health Centers funding restored to $458,688 in 2012 and $2,686,688 in 2013
- PASSPORT funding restored by $5 million on 2012 and $10 million in 2013
Safety Net services in Amended Sub H.B. 153

- No change to the Ohio Housing Trust Fund
- Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks: Increases funding by $1 million per year.
  - Status: $12.5 million in each year of the 2012 and 2013 budget
  - Requested: $17 million per year in funding.
- Ohio Benefit Bank: taken outside the budget process
  - Will continue to receive support through the Governor’s Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives.
Rising Fuel Costs: situation worsens for struggling Ohioans

- In 2010, 43% of the people served by food pantries reported making choices between food and gas.
- The cost of fuel has increased by 40% in the past year and nearly $2.00 a gallon in the last 2 years.
- The median annual income of Ohioans declined from $27,940 to $26,861 from 2007 - 2009
  - a loss of $1,079.00 or nearly 4%.
- Consumer Price Index, Market Basket food costs are up nearly 17% in the last 4 years.

As a result, more Ohioans are being forced to turn to the emergency food network each and every day.
Take Action

• Support OASHF request: support an amendment to provide an additional $4.5 million per year ($9 million over 2012/2013)

• Hearings in the Senate begin tomorrow, Tuesday, May 3, 2011 2:30 p.m. room 126 Senate Building

• Presentations by OBM and LSC

• Hearing on Sub. H.B. 153 for this week will include minor boards, commissions and depts

• Contact: Office of Senator Chris Widener, Chairman Senate Finance Committee
  • (614) 466-3780
  • Legislative Aide Daniel Clay Hurly
The Aging Network:
What is in HB 153 for Aging?

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The Good: Amended Sub HB 153 2012-13 Biennium Budget

• Unified Budget – Aging Medicaid waivers are in the ODJFS Budget

• Governor and legislature are both embracing the concept of balancing Medicaid long-term care budget

• Increases the number of people served in HCBS waivers 15%
The Bad: The Budget Doesn’t Add Up for Waivers

(↓Provider rates ↓3% - $38 Million)

+ (↓Care Plan -- ↓8% and ↓15% - $98 million)

+ (↓AAA Staff ↓15% - $24 Million)

+ (↑Growth ↑15%)

+ (Current Operating Rules)

= Unrealistic Deliverables ($160 Million Reduced Expenditures*)

*Source: LSC Redbook
The Ugly:

Adult Protective Services have taken a 10% cut from an already critically underfunded line Senior Community Services Block Grant, Alzheimer’s funding, LTC Ombudsman are cut an additional 10%

The second year of the biennium is open to changing Medicaid delivery without reference to stakeholder or legislative input.
THANK YOU!

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Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Learn More and Stay Involved

- HHS news and Information: http://www.advocatesforohio.org/health-human-services-news
- Next Field and Political Webinar: Tues, May 24 10-11:00 a.m.
  Register Here:
  • http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E155DF8389
Use Our Resources

- [http://www.advocatesforohio.org/resources](http://www.advocatesforohio.org/resources)

- **Fact Sheets** and **Talking Points** for local meetings or conversations with lawmakers:


Take Action:

- Contact members of the Senate Finance Committee:

- Call the office of Senator Chris Widener (Chairman of Senate Finance); 614-466-3780

- Get involved with our partners to support health, human service and early care & education
  - Advocates for Ohio’s Future: Action Alert
  - Fair Care Ohio: Action Alert @ www.faircareohio.org
  - GroundWork: Help Me Grow cut $3 million Action Alert
  - http://www.paperplateproject.org/
How Organizations Can Help

- **Endorse** Advocates for Ohio’s Future
- Educate your board, staff, volunteers, and clients
- **Recruit** other agencies and organizations to endorse
- Invite AOF to community meetings to educate and build support
- Meet with elected officials
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