Advocates for Ohio’s Future
Political and Field Call

Featuring:

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Susan Ackerman, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst of the Center for Community Solutions

Kathleen Gmeiner, Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage Project Director at UHCAN-OH
Today’s Agenda

- 10:00-10:05 Introductions and Purpose of the Call - Will Petrik
- 10:05-10:15 Margaret Hulbert - Big picture public policy, fiscal policy
- 10:15-10:30 Susan Ackerman - Highlights of HB 153, Research Report, What’s gaining traction?
- 10:30-10:40 Kathleen - OCHC Advocacy Day recap; OCHC testimony
- 10:40-10:50 Will - How can you get involved?
- 10:50-11:00 Q and A
Highlights of HB 153 (State Budget Proposal, FY 2012-2013)

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Strategic Resources & Public Policy, United Way of Greater Cincinnati
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Medicaid Changes in the Next State Budget

- Preserves Medicaid Eligibility
- Preserves Access to Medicaid’s “Optional Services” - dental and vision
- Elevating Behavioral Health Financing to the State
- Balancing Long-Term Care
- Reforms the payment system for Large Providers
More Good News in the Proposed 2012-13 Budget

- Preserves Investments Made in Early Care and Education
- Focus on Prenatal Care
- Ohio Housing Trust Fund
- Emergency Food and Cash Assistance
- Preserves key Youth Services
3 Areas of Concern

1. Increases or improvements in services accompanied by disinvestments in the “front door” or delivery system

2. County Cuts - pressure shifted to counties and local providers

3. Many critical programs face 1-2 punch of both federal and state cuts
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Center for Community Solutions
Key Dates

- Subcommittees finished up last week
- Public Testimony before full Finance Committee this week
- April 28: Expect substitute bill
- Public testimony – April 29/May 2
- May 5: House Floor vote
- Expect Senate testimony to begin week of May 2nd
Some Key Areas of Concern

- PASSPORT
- Behavioral Health
- County Human Service Systems
- HIV/AIDS
- Community Health Centers/FQHCs
"Data Do Not Justify Deep Cuts to PASSPORT"
by Susan Ackerman

- http://www.communitysolutions.com/
Tax Revenue: Cuts to LGF and TPPT
Reimbursement boost GRF

Source: OBM
Highlights from OCHC Advocacy Day and Public Testimony

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http://ohioconsumersforhealth.org/
Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage supports

The Following Principles from the Office of Health Transformation:

• Patient-centered medical homes for all Medicaid enrollees
• More focused “health homes” to coordinate care for persons with chronic illnesses
• Payment reform that reimburses for quality over volume
• Call for effective health benefit exchanges and electronic information exchanges.
Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage Concerns

- Loss of $250 million for mental health services [but agrees with the unification of mental health funding into the Medicaid line item]
- Elimination of funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Proposed cuts to Passport
- Any move to place Medicaid recipients requiring long term care into managed care before Ohio has completed its process for determining the best models of care for people who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.
OCHC Suggestions for Improvement

- Change how hospitals are reimbursed for Potentially Preventable Events (PPEs), including preventable infections, complications and readmissions.
How Can You Get More Involved

• Learn More

• Use our resources

• Take Action Now—Send an email to your Rep on the Finance Committee

• Endorse Advocates for Ohio’s Future
Learn More

- **HHS news and Information:** http://www.advocatesforohio.org/health-human-services-news
- **Webinars:** http://www.anymeeting.com/advocatesforoh
Use Our Resources

• **Fact Sheets** and **Talking Points** for conversations with lawmakers:
  

• Post budget Powerpoint—share with your colleagues, at staff or community meetings
  
  • [http://www.advocatesforohio.org/perch/resources/ExecutiveBudgetPresentation.pdf](http://www.advocatesforohio.org/perch/resources/ExecutiveBudgetPresentation.pdf)
Take Action:

- Contact members of the House Finance Committee
- Advocates for Ohio’s Future: Action Alert
- [http://go.advocatesforohio.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=6330](http://go.advocatesforohio.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=6330)
- Make a bigger impact -- personalize and localize the subject line and content.
- Call your Rep directly - calls can be even more effective.
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
How Individuals Can Help

- **Sign up** for emails
- Find us on [Facebook](#)
- Participate in online [Action Alerts](#)
- Stay informed and gain skills through regular [webinars](#) and trainings
- Become an Area Coordinator
- Share your stories with us, your community, the media, and your elected officials!
- Looking for public hearing witnesses
Upcoming Events

Register Now for the next Political and Field Webinar: Tuesday, April 26th, 10-11:00 am
http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E052D68580

Partners’ advocacy days and AOF events:
http://advocatesforohio.org/events

- Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio, April 13, COHHIO Lobby Day
- The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, the Ohio State University Nisonger Center, and the Ohio Olmstead Task Force, April 14, Legislative Advocacy Day
- Jackson Community Dialogue with Senator Daniels, April 15
- Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies, April 25-26, OACCA Advocacy Conference
- Voices for Ohio’s Children, Ohio School Based Health Care Association, Ohio Afterschool Network and the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, April 27, Lobby for OH Kids Day
- OASHF, Ohio JFSDA, April 29, Toledo Community Conversation
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