



MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 21, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024

Hyatt Regency Columbus | Columbus, Ohio

Preliminary Agenda

Rep. Susan Concannon, Kansas, Co-Chair | Sen. Julie Morrison, Illinois, Co-Chair

Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt, South Dakota, Vice Chair

SUNDAY, JULY 21 | COMMITTEE MEETING | *Room TBD*

9 – 9:10 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:10 – 10:10 a.m. Transforming Child Services, Improving Lives

In recent years, Ohio has embarked on an ambitious plan to transform its systems of child services and child welfare —strengthening supports for families, improving the foster care and adoption systems, strengthening kinship care and more. As part of this work, an innovative partnership between the state of Ohio and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has found success in helping find more permanent, loving homes for children lingering in foster care. Legislators will learn about the Wendy’s Wonderful Kids initiative as well as Ohio’s broader efforts to transform the state’s services and improve the lives of children and families.

Presenters

Mr. Joel Potts, Chief Government and External Affairs Officer, Ohio Department of Children & Youth; and Former Executive Director, Ohio Job and Family Service Directors’ Association

Ms. Rita Soronen, *President & CEO, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption*

10:10 – 11 a.m. Legislator-Led Roundtable Discussion

Time will be left for Q & A with the morning presenters, as well as for a broader discussion among participating legislators on recent trends and developments in the areas of health and human services. What significant news laws were passed, or legislation was introduced in your state or province? What policies are you working on? Looking forward, what do you see as the biggest issues in health and human services? Please come prepared to share your perspective and thoughts with fellow lawmakers.

Note: Lunch will be available from noon to 1:30 p.m. for all attendees.

MONDAY, JULY 22 | COMMITTEE-LED POLICY SESSION | *Room TBD*

2 – 3:30 p.m. Delivering and Paying for Quality Maternity Care Services: Policy Options for States

States are increasingly investing in programs that expand the availability of maternity care — critical services for mothers before, during and after the birth of a child. How can states ensure the delivery of quality services? What innovative payment models are being implemented? This session will explore policy options for states and Ohio’s new community-based Comprehensive Maternal Care model for pre- and post-natal care.

Presenters

Ms. Maureen Corcoran, *Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid*

Ms. Sinsi Hernández-Cancio, *Vice President, National Partnership for Women & Families*