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# Rebalancing Ohio's Long-Term Care System

Ohio Aging Advocacy in Action 2009

April 28 - 29, 2009

The Renaissance Hotel  
Columbus, Ohio 43229



REGISTRATION BROCHURE



## Rebalancing Ohio's Long-Term Care System

Your participation in *Ohio Aging Advocacy in Action 2009* matters greatly in this biennial budget year. Because of the extreme economic conditions in Ohio and in the nation, we who serve Ohio's oldest, frailest, and neediest citizens must work together to rebalance Medicaid spending as the population increases but funding does not. Ohio's budget bill, House Bill I, was introduced in February as a \$54.7 billion budget to fund state programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 and FY 2011. Ohio law demands that the budget be balanced and that the Governor sign it into law by July 1, 2009.

As HB I works its way through Ohio's legislative process, all of us in the aging network must ensure that our growing number of older adults continue to have the programs and services that preserve choice and improve the quality of life. This conference provides one opportunity to participate in rebalancing Ohio's budget. At *Ohio Aging Advocacy in Action 2009*, learn the issues and take advantage of the opportunity to talk with legislators. In the last budget debate, you helped preserve the programs and services that help Ohio's older adults. In this budget debate, you can have a significant impact on the lives of older adults in Ohio in 2010, 2011, and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming you to our advocacy conference on April 28 and April 29! On Day 1 of the event, hear from Ohio Department of Aging Director Barbara Riley and advocacy experts who will explain the changes in services contained in the FY 2010-2011 budget and how to talk with legislators about them. That evening, attend the legislative reception at the hotel and talk with legislators. On Day 2, hear from state officials and national experts about how to achieve the necessary balance in providing long term care to Ohioans who need it.

### AGENDA

#### Tuesday, April 28

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 – 3:45 p.m.	Presentations
3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	BREAK
4:30 p.m.	Participants report to legislative reception
5:00 -6:30 p.m.	Legislative Reception

#### Wednesday, April 29

8:00 -9:00 a.m.	Breakfast buffet
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Presentations
12:00 - 12:20 p.m.	BREAK
12:20 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Presentations

**TUESDAY - REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12:00PM • PROGRAM BEGINS AT 1:00PM**

## Moving toward Rebalancing Long-Term Care in the Budget

### Ohio Department of Aging Initiatives

**Barbara Riley**, Director of the Ohio Department of Aging, will explain the initiatives to rebalance Medicaid spending in the 2010-2011 budget through the Unified Long Term Care Budget process and detail the role of the Ohio Department of Aging in the process, as well as describing what to expect in the next biennium.

### Weighing in on Advocacy

**Cindy Farson**, Executive Director of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and OAAAA Advocacy Committee Chair, will explain the budget process, where we are now in the process, and what legislators need to know about our role in rebalancing Medicaid spending.

### Heavyweight Tips for Talking with Your Legislators

**Tom Pappas**, President, Thomas P. Pappas & Associates, will share his perspectives on working with 128th General Assembly legislators during this fast-paced budget bill process and helping legislators understand the rebalancing challenge.

### Weighty Considerations for Advocates

**Jane Taylor**, State Director of AARP Ohio, will focus on AARP's legislative agenda and the need for advocates to work together to help achieve health care reform as she highlights the efforts of the Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future and Ohio's leadership group for aging issues.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Reception

**WEDNESDAY - BREAKFAST BUFFET BEGINS AT 8:00AM • PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:00AM**

## Medicaid Reform: How does Ohio Measure Up?

### How Medicaid Reform Affects Rebalancing of Long Term Care

**John Begala**, Executive Director, the Center for Community Solutions

**John Corlett**, State Medicaid Director

Hear Mr. Begala and Mr. Corlett discuss Ohio's progress in Medicaid reforms since the Ohio Commission to Reform Medicaid released recommendations addressing Medicaid reforms and cost containment initiatives in 2005. These experts will explain what has been done to date to improve Medicaid and what must be done in the future.

### Other States' Best Practices for Rebalancing Long-Term Care

**Lori Barrett**, Vice President, Home and Community Based Services, Health Dimensions Group

Ms Barrett has researched the effects of rebalancing long term care in 22 states. Listen as she explains her findings and shares some of these states' best practices.

### Why Ohio must Rebalance Long-Term Care Services

**Ohio Representative Armond Budish**, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives

**Ohio Senator Tom Niehaus**, President Pro Tempore of the Ohio Senate (invited)

**Rob Edmund**, Director of Policy and General Counsel, the Ohio Business Roundtable

**Dr. Robert Applebaum**, Director of the Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project

Mr. Edmund and Dr. Applebaum will share research on why Ohio must change how it provides long-term care and discuss the ramifications of rebalancing on the state budget. Speaker Budish and President Pro Tempore Niehaus will offer insight on initiatives to rebalance long-term care that are contained in the SFY2010-11 budget.

### Stakeholder Reaction

**Jean Thompson**, Executive Director, Ohio Assisted Living Association

**Kathleen Anderson**, Executive Director, Ohio Council for Home Care

**Pete Van Runkle**, President/CEO, Ohio Health Care Association

**Tim Harrington**, Executive Director, the Ability Center of Greater Toledo

These advocates will give you their reactions to the presentations you have heard and share their thoughts about the biennial budget.

### Health Policy & LTC Spending – Where does Ohio Stand Nationally

**Elaine Ryan**, Director of State and Intergovernmental Affairs, AARP, will discuss the national health care policy and long-term care rebalancing efforts going on in Washington, DC, and their ramifications for Ohio's movement toward rebalancing long-term care services.

# REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration fee: \$145 (fee includes beverages snacks and reception on April 28 and breakfast & lunch on April 29, as well as CEUs)**

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Do you plan to attend the Legislative reception? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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Please return this form by **April 17** with a check payable to: OAAAA to register for Ohio Aging Advocacy in Action 2009.

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## HOTEL INFORMATION

The Renaissance Hotel

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*Please reserve your room by April 7 to take advantage of the special room rate of \$144.*

*Please indicate that you are with the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging when making your reservation.*

*Driving Directions and parking information are available on our website at [www.ohioaging.org](http://www.ohioaging.org).*

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