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**Ohio's Aging and Disability Network**  
**o4a Advocacy Conference**  
**March 19-20, 2019**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

12:00p – 1:00p

**Conference Registration**

1:00p – 4:30p

**Opening Address: Governor Mike DeWine – *invited***

**Ohio's Aging and Medicaid Priorities**

Maureen Corcoran, Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid

Ursel McElroy, Director, Ohio Department of Aging

**Ohio Aging Advocacy Panel**

Jane Taylor, Consumer Advisory Council Member, Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition (moderator)

Bill Faith, Executive Director, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio

Jean Thompson, Executive Director, Ohio Assisted Living Association

Michael Kirkman, Executive Director, Disability Rights Ohio

Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Foodbanks

Natasha Pietrocola, Chair, Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services and Deputy Administrator, Programs and Services, Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services.

**o4a Advocacy Agenda**

Larke Recchie, Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Elizabeth Kowalczyk, Chief Policy Officer, Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Thomas Pappas, President, Law Office of Pappas & Associates

5:00p – 6:30p

**Legislative Reception**



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8:00a – 9:00a

**Buffet Breakfast**

9:00a – 12:00p

**AARP Priorities**

Barbara Sykes, State Director, AARP Ohio - *invited*

Elaine Ryan, Vice President of State Advocacy and Strategy Integration (SASI) in AARP's Government Affairs Group.

**Aging and Medicaid Priorities**

Kinsey Joliff, Senior Consultant, Sellers Dorsey

Susan Ackerman, Senior Consultant, Sellers Dorsey

**Alzheimer's Association**

TBD

**Advocacy in Motion**

Dr. Doug Beach, Chief Executive Director, Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

Cyndi Rossi, Legislative Liaison, Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

12:00p – 1:00p

**Lunch**

1:00p – 3:00p

**n4a Federal Developments and Advocacy Priorities**

Amy Gotwals, Chief, Public Policy and External Affairs, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)

**The Direct Care Workforce: Strengthening Jobs, Strengthening Care**

Robert Espinoza, Vice President of Policy at PHI.