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Governor John Kasich Announces Several Key Cabinet Members Today

Governor John Kasich announced today that Theodore Wymyslo, M.D. will head the Ohio Department of Health (ODH); Dr. Bonnie Kantor-Burman will head the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA); and John McCarthy will lead the Ohio Office of Health Plans (Medicaid). In addition, he signed an Executive Order creating the Office of Health Transformation, which will be led by Greg Moody. Governor Kasich also named John McCarthy, currently the Medicaid director for the District of Columbia, to serve as Ohio's Medicaid director.

Governor Kasich stated that the new Office of Health Transformation would lead Ohio's efforts to implement modernization and cost-containment priorities, and direct related initiatives within the eight state agencies that serve people assisted via the Medicaid funding stream, in varying degrees. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will remain the single administrator for Medicaid.

In making the announcements, Governor Kasich noted,

"We have assembled a team of people who can, together, transform and drive reform – and we're very excited about this. What we will work to do is to make Ohio one of the most forward-looking states in the nation in terms of a coordinated health system for Ohioans of all ages."

DODD Director John Martin, reappointed to the position on January 6, was among the team introduced early in today's announcement ceremony, as representing one of the human services agencies that will be working together at the Cabinet level to, "... Set the course, and to raise the bar on health system performance," as stated by newly-appointed Office of Health Transformation Director Greg Moody.



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