



News from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

John Kasich, Governor

John L. Martin, Director

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[Kasich Administration Begins](#)

1. Setting the Stage for 2011

"Getting people to be in a position where they can see a better tomorrow.
That's what we need to be doing."

- Governor John Kasich

On January 10, 2011, John Kasich was sworn-in as Ohio's 69th Governor. Appointing members to his Cabinet and assessing the many issues facing the state at this time has been the priority work for the newly-elected governor during the past few weeks. Among the members of Governor Kasich's Cabinet are DODD Director John Martin, re-appointed to the post on January 6, 2011 [Pipeline Extra! January 6, 2011](#). Stepping on board with the new Administration, Director Martin is prepared to continue the Department's Priority Work Plan, developed in late 2009, and designed to focus on key areas that will help to fulfill our mission in serving Ohio's more than 80,000 citizens with developmental disabilities.

The Mission of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is continuous improvement of the quality of life for Ohio's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families.

Director Martin stated in an email to all DODD staff last week, that he looks forward to supporting the vision and direction Governor Kasich is providing for our State at this important time in our history. He noted,

"His energy and passion is evident, and sets an example for all of us ... I look forward to our work together over the next four years."



John Kasich Announces John Martin's Reappointment

"John Martin is a man of great character, and he has been a reformer. And we know that we cannot have piecemeal reform as we move forward. Agencies such as DODD and Mental Health, and others in the human services system, will need to be more integrated in their work, in their approach to system improvements."

-Governor John Kasich

Throughout the year, *Pipeline* will continue to report on progress and results of the Priority Work Plan -- which, in concert with the vision of the new Administration -- will guide and focus our efforts in collaboration with stakeholders. Our website has recently been updated to reflect the Work Plan series of articles in *Pipeline* describing these efforts, spanning the timeframe from October 2009 through 2010.

Visit dodd.ohio.gov/DODDPriorityWork.htm for updated information and articles describing the DODD Priority Work Plan.



The Broader Picture

2. Governor John Kasich Announces Several Additional Key Cabinet Members, Signs Executive Order

This additional information builds on the announcement in [Pipeline Extra! January 13, 2011](#). Governor John Kasich announced several appointments last week within Ohio's health and human services system that form the foundation of the new Administration's approach to transforming service delivery and reducing related costs.

In addition to Governor Kasich's appointments of Theodore Wymyslo, M.D. to head the Ohio Department of Health (ODH); Dr. Bonnie Kantor-Burman to head the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA); and John McCarthy to lead the Ohio Office of Health Plans, he signed an

Executive Order creating the Office of Health Transformation, to be led by Greg Moody. Moody is a veteran public and private health system consultant, who was on the staff of the U.S. House Budget Committee during John Kasich's Congressional tenure. Governor Kasich also named John McCarthy, currently the Medicaid director for the District of Columbia, to serve as Ohio's Medicaid director. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will remain the single administrator for Medicaid.

The new Office of Health Transformation will focus on specific tasks to be accomplished within its first six months -- the biggest of which is to devise ... "a permanent health and human services organizational structure and oversee transition to that structure," as stated in the Executive Order.

Governor Kasich explained 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 via the Medicaid funding stream, in varying degrees.

The eight state agencies include the departments of: Budget and Management; Administrative Services; Job and Family Services; Developmental Disabilities; Mental Health; Alcohol and Drug Addiction; Health; and, Aging.

In making these and other announcements, Governor Kasich also noted, "We do have the potential here to have a really terrific transformation in the way this entire system works."

DODD Director John Martin, was among the team introduced early-on during last week's health and human services appointment ceremony, as representing one of the eight 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 the newly-appointed Greg Moody.



[First FAC Meeting of 2011](#)

3. Family Advisory Council Sets February 8 Agenda

The DODD Family Advisory Council (FAC) will begin 2011 with an overview of what might lie ahead this year for Ohio's developmental disabilities community. Director John Martin will be joined on the agenda by Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) Executive Director Dan Ohler, discussing subjects ranging from key statewide issues, to budgets, to ongoing stakeholder engagement efforts. In addition, this initial meeting of 2011 will include afternoon breakout sessions for attendees to share their thoughts on a variety of subjects, as a basis for future conversations of interest to them.

**Family Advisory Council Meeting,
February 8, 2011
Columbus Developmental Center
1601 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43222
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



The primary purpose of the Family Advisory Council is to provide information from a grassroots level to policy-makers who impact direct services. It is important that policy-makers are informed of issues/concerns that are statewide. The Family Advisory Council provides an opportunity to exchange information about programs, services, and options available to people who have family members with developmental disabilities.

A primary goal for the Council is for the resulting family network to reach as many families in Ohio, and provide them with information and education regarding our system. It is hoped that members of the Council also share what resources have been developed in their County that could benefit others.

FAC meetings are open to all interested members of Ohio's developmental disabilities community.

*To be the best advocate possible, stay informed! Join the FAC listserv at join-family.advisory@list.dodd.ohio.gov FAC contact is **Peggy Martin**. She may be reached via email at peggy.martin@dodd.ohio.gov; by phone at (614) 466-8706; or, by writing to her at DODD, 30 East Broad Street, 12th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-3434.*



4. New Resources for the Disability Services Community

Following is a potpourri of information from various sources on subjects of broad interest to Ohio's developmental disabilities community.

Advancing Integrated Employment Outcomes through HCBS Waiver Services: Briefing Document on Section 1915(c) Medicaid Waiver Service Definitions

Service definitions that focus on employment outcomes are an important component in communicating expectations and building system capacity to increase opportunities for people receiving Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers to participate in the general workforce. This document contains the State Employment Leadership Network's recommendations to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on service definitions and related issues that reflect current practice in reinforcing a strong focus on integrated employment. Find it at: <http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3417>

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC): Federal and State Efforts to Guide Consumers Through the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Maze

The ADRC program's purpose is to help people of all ages, disabilities, and income levels more easily access Long Term Services and Supports through single points of entry, make more efficient use of care options, and maximize the services available. This publication provides background on the evolution of ADRCs, their functions and implementation, grants to states, and state and federal evaluation efforts. It also points to selected issues in continuing ADRC implementation. Find it at: <http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3447>

Dual Eligibles: Medicaid Enrollment and Spending for Medicare Beneficiaries in 2007

This report provides the latest national and state data on enrollment and spending for individuals enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare, also known as 'dual eligibles,' and according to the data, they are among the poorest and least healthy individuals covered by either program. There were about 8.9 million dual eligibles in 2007 – the latest year for which this information is compiled. Although they comprised 15% of Medicaid enrollment, dual eligibles accounted for 39%, or \$121 billion in Medicaid spending for medical services, and account for more than a quarter of Medicare spending. Find it at: <http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3467>

More Than Meets the Eye: Long-Term Care Provisions in the New Reform Law

To provide a look at the various provisions of the new health reform law on Long Term Care, a distinguished panel of experts addressed questions such as: What are the provisions of the law pertaining to this subject? How will consumers, providers and states be affected? What are the major components of the law, and what are some of the challenges for states and the federal government in implementation? Access the presentations, transcript, event summary, podcast and more at <http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3425>

Estimating the Impact of Caregiving and Employment on Well-Being

A large proportion of the population is facing the competing demands of working and caring for a loved one. This study investigates the impact of informal caregiving, employment, and the combination of these responsibilities on the overall well-being of the caregiver. Higher well-being reported by employed caregivers compared with non-employed counterparts suggests that the benefits of employment, such as financial security and social support, can ease the burden of the caregiving role. Find it at: <http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3395>



5. Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities Announces 12th Annual Youth Leadership Forum

The Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (GCPD) has announced the 12th Annual Ohio Youth Leadership Forum will be held in Columbus July 18-21 at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel.

All interested high school juniors and seniors who have a disability are encouraged to apply to attend this exciting, interesting, and empowering forum. Student application forms, available at www.gcpd.ohio.gov must be completed and returned no later than March 25, 2011.

The Ohio Youth Leadership Forum is a four-day leadership training program for 11th and 12th grade high school students with disabilities. It is geared to prepare them to make the most of opportunities to fully develop as constructive, contributing citizens.

For more information, visit the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities website at www.gcpd.ohio.gov (click on YLF), or contact Donna Foster, Ability Advocate, at (614) 438-1394.

Pipeline PostScripts

Mark Your Calendar for March 3, 2011

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Kickoff

Ohio Public Images (OPI) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) in collaboration with other statewide organizations, will host the annual *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month* (March) *Kickoff* at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium in Columbus, on March 3, 2011, from 10 a.m. – noon.



The 2011 'Together' theme materials are now available at www.publicimagesnetwork.org

"Together ..." the statewide Awareness Month theme for 2011, focuses this event and other awareness efforts on peoples' similarities rather than differences, and on eliminating barriers to community inclusion. The March 3 event will spotlight many opportunities that are emerging in this spirit around the state, and in 2010 drew more than 350 attendees. Self advocates again will be a major part of the program and share their unique experiences.

Contact: Sherry Steinman at DODD; sherry.steinman@dodd.ohio.gov, phone (614) 644-0262.

Reminder

People First of Ohio, Conference March 17-19

The *People First of Ohio* Conference, "Cruising Into Employment," is coming up on March 17 - 19, at Robert's Convention Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. Self advocates plan the conference and often lead the sessions – this year focusing on topics to help others gain employment. The Shelby County chapter of *People First* is the conference host. SSA's, County Board staff, providers and other professionals, families, and self advocates are encouraged to attend. Topics include how to write a resume, Medicaid Buy-In, and more. CEU's will be awarded for trainings. Registration materials available via U.S. Mail and on the *People First* website at www.peoplefirstohio.org, or call (740) 397-6100.

Coming in April

Legislative Advocacy Day, April 14

The 2011 Legislative Advocacy Day is slated for April 14, 2011 at the Ohio Statehouse. Sponsored by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Network, the event will include a brief program followed by

appointments with legislators to discuss subjects of importance directly with those who can move those concerns and ideas forward. The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Network consists of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council ('DD Council'), Ohio Legal Rights Service, and the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at The Ohio State University Nisonger Center and at the University of Cincinnati.

Registration for the event is encouraged, at www.nisonger.osu.edu/legislative/registration. As this is a sponsored event, there is no registration fee.

Self advocates, families, and professionals in the developmental disabilities community are encouraged to come together and talk with legislators about why home and community-based services are important to people with disabilities as the state shapes the biennial budget. Advocates are urged to tell their stories, as well as to share ideas and suggestions for increasing revenue. Event planners note that Legislative Advocacy Day is an opportunity to make a difference.

Contact Carmen Shelton, (740) 505-8337 or email c_shelton@ameritech.net.



At Last Year's Legislative Advocacy Day ...

(more at [Pipeline Volume 4 Issue 19](#) September 15, 2010)

Lead event organizer and self-advocate Carmen Shelton (right)

enjoys the fruits of her labor in the audience before stepping up to the podium at Legislative Advocacy Day.

Also in April

Solidarity 2011! A Conference for and by People with Disabilities

Mark your calendar for April 26-28 to attend one of Ohio's leading conferences for and by people with disabilities -- *Solidarity!* -- at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street. Registration materials are now available at www.dnos.org and via U.S. Mail. The conference will include employment information, a job fair, a visit to the Statehouse, and more. A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact: *Solidarity 2011* at (800) 863-0344; email: DNOS@the-meeting-connection.com.

DODD Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect, and other Possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

To report abuse/neglect and other MUI's call toll-free: **1-866-313-6733**. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the local County Board of DD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict -- or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances it is important to remember the hotline number is there to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

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