

## OHIO HEALTHY HOMES NETWORK



## 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024, 9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
THE FAWCETT CENTER AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

## **SCHEDULE**

All scheduled main sessions will be held in the Banquet Room unless otherwise noted.

## 8:30 AM – Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – Plenary – Opening Meeting Remarks



Cari Stork
OHHN Conference Comm. Chair
Recognition of Sponsors



Fred Strahorn
OHHN Executive Director
Welcome and Announcements



Phillip Bouton
OHHN Board President
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Presenting Sponsor Remarks – **Hilary Marshall**, Director of Operations, Communications, and Events for the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing

**9:15 AM: Keynote** Ohio Department of Health Medical Director Mary DiOrio, M.D., M.P.H.

10:15 AM: BREAK

10:20 AM: Plenary Making Connections Between Housing and Health - Armand Magnelli, H.H.S.,

Livable Housing Inc.

11:20 AM: BREAK

**11:30 AM: Lunch** Awards Presentation

Legislator of the Year: Rep. Andrea White & Rep. Rachel Baker

• Community Service Award: West Ohio Community Action Partnership

Lifetime Achievement Award: Cindy Flaherty

11:45 AM: Keynote Director of U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead

Hazard Control and Healthy Homes - Matt Ammon: Advancing Healthy

Housing—A Strategy for Action

1:15 PM BREAKOUTS	<b>Breakout 1</b> Franklin- Hamilton Room	Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Development: Investing in Healthy Housing – Pam Blais, R.S. and Patrick Smith
	<b>Breakout 2</b> Clinton Room	Healthcare: A Clinical Perspective on Lead – Matthew Tien, M.D., MetroHealth
	Breakout 3 Banquet Room	Making Connections Between Housing and Health (Expanding on the Morning Plenary Session) – Armand Magnelli, H.H.S., Livable Housing Inc.
2:30 PM BREAKOUTS	<b>Breakout 4</b> Franklin- Hamilton Room	Legal Aid: What Are Your Options? – Nia Kaudo, J.D., Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio
	<b>Breakout 5</b> Clinton Room	Mold in Housing: Novel Detection Strategies from Improved Understanding of Fungal Function
	<b>Breakout 6</b> Banquet Room	Lead-Safe Collaboratives: We Are Stronger Together – Wyonette Cheairs, M.S.S.A., Enterprise Community Partners

### **3:30 PM: BREAK**

	Parents' Perspective: The Learning Curve - Panel discussion moderated by State Rep.		
3:45 PM	Dontavius Jarrells		
PLENARY	Robin Brown – Parent Advocate, Executive Director, Concerned Citizens Organized		
	Against Lead Organization		
Banquet	Betty Cantley – Parent Advocate		
Room	<ul> <li>Leann Howell – Parent Advocate, Ohio Lead Advisory Council</li> </ul>		
	Lindsey Loman – Parent Advocate		

4:30 PM: ADJOURN

Columbus Public Health is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the Colorado Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. (OBN-001-91). Nursing Continuing Education contact hours in process.

### INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS

Morning Keynote Address by Ohio Department of Health Medical Director Dr. Mary DiOrio Mary DiOrio, M.D., M.P.H.



Mary DiOrio, M.D., M.P.H., rejoined the Ohio Department of Health as the state medical director in early December 2023. Dr. DiOrio has most recently worked as the Medical Director for Partners for Kids. Her responsibilities included collaborating with providers and collaborating with internal and external stakeholders to implement initiatives to improve health outcomes for children.

Previously, Dr. DiOrio was the senior medical director of Quality and Population Health for the OhioHealth Physician Group. There, she guided the development of population health strategies and provided leadership for quality and safety. Dr. DiOrio began her public health career at the Ohio Department of Health in 2001 and held various roles there, including medical director from 2014 to 2016. She earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Notre Dame, and a Doctor of Medicine and a master's degree in public health from The Ohio State University. She completed residencies in both family practice and preventive medicine.

## Lunch Keynote Address, "Advancing Healthy Housing – A Strategy for Action" by Matt Ammon Matt Ammon, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development



nationwide.

Mr. Matthew Ammon is the Director of HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes where he has worked for over 25 years to develop programs to eliminate childhood lead poisoning and to address housing conditions that threaten the health of residents. Mr. Ammon has led the development of robust grant programs and other initiatives to support local efforts to address environmental hazards in the home. To that end, these efforts have been instrumental in decreasing the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels

Mr. Ammon has been instrumental in leading the Department to address housing conditions that threaten health by authoring HUD's Healthy Homes Strategic Plan and led a federal interagency workgroup to develop Advancing Healthy Housing—A Strategy for Action, which aligns goals and priorities from numerous federal agencies to create healthier housing.

Mr. Ammon's contributions are also seen on the Federal Radon Action Plan, the Coordinated Federal Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Asthma Disparities, the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Healthy Housing, and the National Prevention Council's National Prevention Strategy.

Mr. Ammon was appointed Acting Secretary of HUD during the transition between administrations and then Acting Deputy Secretary of HUD once Secretary Fudge came on board until the new Deputy Secretary was appointed.

## Breakout Session 1 – Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Development: Investing in Healthy Homes – Pam Blais, R.S. and Patrick Smith



Pam Blais has been employed with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for 28 years in the lead poisoning prevention field. She has served as a Program Manager for the ODH Lead Licensure Program and now oversees the Public Health Lead Investigation Program within the Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection. She is Project Director for the agency's HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant Program, manages the SCHIP Lead Hazard Abatement Project, and assists in overseeing the ODH's Water Infrastructure Improvements

for the Nation (WIIN) grant. She has also taken on several smaller lead related projects including expanding the lead abatement industry workforce and managing the lead in demolition and Middle-Income lead hazard control projects. Ms. Blais received a BS in Environmental Health from Purdue University and is a registered sanitarian. She also earned green belt certification in Lean Six Sigma for Government. She is a member of ODH's Performance Management and Quality Improvement Committee and serves on the PHAB reaccreditation team.



Patrick Smith is the Chief of the Community Services Division at the Ohio Department of Development. In his role, Smith oversees billions in state and federal dollars to implement programs aimed at improving Ohio's communities and the residents who call Ohio home. Smith joined Development in 2021 as Assistant Chief of Broadband Ohio, working to help further the mission of the DeWine-Husted Administration to ensure all Ohioans have access to reliable, high-speed internet – regardless of where they live and work. He was appointed

as Interim Chief of the Community Services Division in March 2023 before assuming the role full time two months later. Prior to coming to Development, Smith served in various executive leadership roles at the Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and he also spent time working in the legislative branch for the Ohio General Assembly. Smith is a graduate of Kent State University, earning a degree in history with a minor in political science.

## Breakout Session 2 – Healthcare: A Clinical Perspective on Lead Matthew Tien, M.D.



Matthew Tien, M.D. is a general pediatrician practicing at The MetroHealth System in Cleveland. As co-chair of The MetroHealth Childhood Lead Prevention Program, he leads the health system's efforts on improving lead testing rates as well as implementing primary prevention efforts against lead poisoning. He serves on the Ohio chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Lead Advisory Committee and the Cleveland Department of Public Health's Lead Screening and Testing Commission. His other area of specialization is clinical informatics. (As an

Ohio native and owner of a 100-year-old house, he is happy to be a part of this year's conference!)

## Breakout Session 3 - Making Connections Between Housing and Health (Expanding on the Morning Plenary Session) Armand Magnelli, H.H.S. with Livable Housing Inc.



Armand Magnelli serves as President of Livable Housing, Inc. He is a graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychosocial Sciences. Magnelli has worked in the affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization field for 25 years. Livable Housing Inc had been in business since 2005. Prior to Livable Housing Inc., Magnelli was Senior Program Director for Enterprise Community Partners from 1993-2005. He provided technical assistance and training for Community Development Corporations. He developed two software

products and authored the Housing Developer Support System website. His areas of concentration include training, high production program design and implementation, housing development capacity building, project management, program assessments, project feasibility, healthy housing, green housing, energy conservation, community and neighborhood planning and revitalization, strategic planning, organizational assessments, and technology integration. He is a very creative and dedicated professional who has elevated the role of technology in the development of affordable housing.

### Breakout Session 4 – Legal Aid: What Are Your Options? Nia Kaudo, J.D., Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio



Nia Kaudo is a Staff Attorney at LASCO, where she began working on the Housing team in Spring 2023. Nia was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio and attended the University of Pennsylvania for her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Africana Studies, as well as her post-graduate Certificate in Politics. Before beginning law school, Nia completed a year of service through the AmeriCorps VISTA program, where she worked as the Philadelphia Reentry Coalition Capacity Building Coordinator. In 2022, Nia graduated from The Ohio State University

Moritz College of Law, with her Juris Doctor and Public Service Recognition. Throughout law school, Nia worked with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network to advocate for post-conviction relief in cases where women were sentenced for crimes related to the abuse they suffered. Since joining LASCO, Nia has worked on the Conditions Team, which is a made up of LASCO housing attorneys, who assist tenants with their rights when there are defects at the property. Nia also has a specific interest in subsidized housing cases and the intersection between Ohio and Federal Housing laws. Nia is honored to represent her clients and give a voice to underserved populations that are facing myriad crises.

## Breakout Session 5 – Mold in Housing: Novel Detection Strategies from Improved Understanding of Fungal Function – Karen Dannemiller, Ph.D., Ohio State University



Dr. Karen Dannemiller graduated with honors in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering from Brown University and earned her PhD at Yale University in Chemical and Environmental Engineering. Dr. Dannemiller has extensive experience with next-generation DNA sequencing of fungi and bacteria. Using this data, she has also addressed relevant challenges in bioinformatics - including software development and in statistics, to demonstrate complex associations with human health outcomes. Dr. Dannemiller's current research is on microbial

activity in house dust and biotransformation of phthalates in homes, and she is excited to tackle new challenges as an assistant professor at The Ohio State University.

## Breakout Session 6: Lead-Safe Collaboratives: We Are Stronger Together Wyonette Cheairs, M.S.S.A., Enterprise Community Partners



Wyonette Cheairs is a Program Director at Enterprise Community Partners, a national affordable housing and community development nonprofit. Located in Enterprise's Ohio Market office, she leads the team charged to convene and manage the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition, a 500 + member, public private partnership formed in 2019 to prevent lead poisoning in Cleveland, Ohio. Wyonette is a conduit between the community and coalition partners and funders, she convenes and lead Coalition committees and manages the Coalition's

multimillion dollar Lead Safe Home Fund and contracts with the Lead Safe Home Fund Administrators. The Lead Safe Home Fund is a first-of-its-kind fund, a replicable model to support property owners and families to achieve lead safety.

Prior to joining Enterprise, Wyonette worked at a local community development corporation developing and managing programs that stabilized the housing stock, repopulated neighborhoods, and increased homeownership for families with lower incomes. Her portfolio includes the national model, Greater Circle Living, a joint employer assisted housing program designed to encourage nonprofit and anchor institution employees in Greater University Circle, to live near work. Wyonette holds a bachelor's degree in urban Affairs from Cleveland State University and master's degree in Social Administration from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.

# OHHN 2024 CONFERENCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING GOALS

### I. Keynote: Mary DiOrio, M.D., M.P.H.

The Medical Director of the Ohio Department of Health, Dr. Mary DiOrio will offer her perspective on the future of lead poisoning prevention in Ohio. She will talk about the measures and methods the Department of Health utilizes to combat lead poisoning, how the work is progressing and important considerations on how the landscape can be improved.

Learning goals: Participants should gain clear understanding of the scope of the lead poisoning problem in Ohio, the challenges in addressing the crisis, where Ohio stands regarding its response, and the promising approaches that can be taken toward advancing the health of children related to lead poisoning.

## II. Morning Plenary: Making Connections Between Housing and Health - Armand Magnelli, Livable Housing Inc.

Housing defects can affect occupant health in numerous ways. In this session, we'll review a range of common housing defects, their potential health impacts, and affordable strategies to address those defects. We will use the 8 Principles of Healthy Housing to help define the issues and solutions, including the topics of moisture, contaminants, safety hazards, pests, and deferred maintenance. We will also discuss how to prioritize the needed repairs, based on the household's unique health sensitivities and physical needs.

Learning goals: Participants will be able to connect housing defects with health impacts and learn to use the 8 Principles of Healthy Housing to define, prioritize, and communicate the health risks and interventions.

### III. Keynote: Matt Ammon

Mr. Ammon will give a talk on "Advancing Healthy Housing – A Strategy for Action." He will discuss Federal updates connecting housing and health including programs, policy and congressional activities. He will outline lessons learned from previous and existing programs/interventions and how things have progressed to date. He will offer alternatives regarding actions organizations can take to tap into available resources and connect to the various housing-health rehab work being done in their communities.

Learning goals: Participants will gain a perspective of the state of housing quality in America and an understanding of various decisions that have impacted government policy, as well as decisions and best practices that have shaped the lead poisoning prevention and healthy housing policies and practices used today.

### IV. Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Development

The departments will give an overview of the work they are conducting with regard to lead poisoning and the ways in which they collaborate on the issue. They will discuss the tools they provide to local communities and resources they provide to families to address the problem of lead poisoning. They will discuss issues such as blood testing for lead, lead hazard control orders, Lead Safe Home Fund grant opportunities, contracting certification and licensing, workforce development and more.

Learning goals: Participants will acquire updated knowledge on where the departments stand on capturing testing data, enforcing lead hazard control orders, and workforce development. They will also receive more guidance in identifying resources that the departments have available to assist communities and individuals in addressing lead poisoning issues.

### V. Healthcare: A Clinical Perspective on Lead

Dr. Tien will discuss his professional experiences in treating children suffering from lead poisoning and his perspectives on the healthcare response to the problem. He will address the challenges in the healthcare industry regarding its lead response and the health implications; share data to illustrate the scope, effects and trends; and discuss ways of improving the healthcare response to both prevent elevated blood lead levels and to provide more clinical services to children suffering from lead poisoning. He will also offer perspectives about provider, health system, and local community collaboration.

Learning goals: Participants will develop an understanding of the importance of linking stronger quality control measures to the delivery of care to children suffering from or exposed to lead poisoning. They will learn the limitations of the current healthcare delivery system and ideas to improve it to drive a higher standard of care for patients poisoned by lead. They will develop an understanding of lead poisoning as a social determinant of health.

# VI. Making Connections Between Housing and Health (Expanding on the Morning Plenary Session)

Housing defects can affect occupant health in numerous ways. In this session, we'll review a range of common housing defects, their potential health impacts, and affordable strategies to address those defects. We will use the 8 Principles of Healthy Housing to help define the issues and solutions, including the topics of moisture, contaminants, safety hazards, pests, and deferred maintenance. We will also discuss how to prioritize the needed repairs, based on the household's unique health sensitivities and physical needs.

Learning goals: Participants will be able to connect housing defects with health impacts and learn to use the 8 Principles of Healthy Housing to define, prioritize, and communicate the health risks and interventions.

### VII. Legal Aid: What Are Your Options

Nia Kaudo, J.D., Staff Attorney with Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio, will present information on legal options available to those affected by the presence of lead in their homes and rental units. She will discuss specific case studies involving the presence of lead in living quarters and examples of how those affected have been able to seek and obtain redress and remediation.

Learning goals: Session participants will come away with an understanding of the legal obligations of property owners as it pertains to the presence of lead in living quarters. The session will also provide information about legal options available to those affected by the presence of lead in their homes to achieve remediation.

# VIII. Mold in Housing: Novel Detection Strategies from Improved Understanding of Fungal Function

Karen Dannemiller, Ph.D., of Ohio State University, will highlight applications where enhanced understanding of the microbes in our indoor space can improve our health. She will explain how relative humidity in the air is sufficient to support microbial growth in carpet and dust, and this can be modeled quantitatively using the time-of-wetness framework. She will describe development of novel mold indicators from improved understanding of fungal function in our homes. Dr. Dannemiller will talk about why prevention of mold growth in homes is especially important for underserved communities who may be more likely to reside in poor quality housing and/or have asthma.

Learning goals: Participants will learn about the health hazards associated with mold growth in homes and how to better detect these hazards. Participants will come away with an understanding of conditions that favor mold growth and how to mitigate those conditions in living environments.

### IX. Building Lead-Safe Collaboratives

This session will cover various aspects of building lead-safe/healthy home collaboratives. It will discuss the various stages of developing a collaborative. This presentation will also provide distinctions between different collaborative structures.

Learning goals: Participants will hear how several different collaboratives were formed, how they operate and how they vary based on their current missions. They will have an opportunity to evaluate different levels of collaboration. They will be able to engage in a discussion on the appropriateness of different types of collaboration relative to specific settings and goals. They will learn strategies for aligning an organization for success relative to its aspiration.

### X. Parents' Perspective: The Learning Curve (Panel Discussion)

This panel discussion will include parents of children who experienced lead poisoning. The parents will offer their first-hand perspective on the harmful effects this toxin had on their children's health and development. The panel will discuss the lesson they learned because of their experiences and provide insights and advice on how to prevent, detect, and address lead and other indoor environmental hazards.

Learning goals: Participants will gain insight into the perspective of parents whose children have experienced lead poisoning. They will learn about the short and long-term effects lead poisoning had on the children and their families. They will hear first-hand accounts and perspectives about how to prevent, detect, and treat lead poisoning in the future.