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## **Hamler Fugitt Named Co-Chair of Coalition**

COLUMBUS – Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) has a new co-chair: Lisa Hamler Fugitt, the Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks and a long-time coalition member. Hamler Fugitt takes on the leadership role following the December retirement of Col Owens, an AOF co-chair since 2013.

"Lisa is deeply committed to fighting poverty in Ohio," said AOF State Director Bill Sundermeyer. "Through her work with the foodbank network she understands the circumstances affecting low-income Ohioans. We are glad to have Lisa take on this leadership role in the coalition."

Hamler Fugitt joins coalition co-chair Mark Davis, President of the Ohio Provider Resource Association and AOF co-chair since 2010.

Owens, who also retired from his position as Senior Attorney with Legal Aid of Southwest Ohio, has been a dedicated advocate for Ohioans for many years. "Col has been a voice for Ohioans and a presence around the Statehouse for three decades," said Sundermeyer. "He will be greatly missed at the AOF table, but it's clear that Col will continue to use his passion for helping people in his home state of Kentucky."

See the full list of Steering Committee members for Advocates for Ohio's Future at <http://advocatesforohio.org/leadership-and-staff>

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