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Advocates for Ohio's Future Elects New Leadership Team

COLUMBUS – Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) has elected a new leadership team heading into the next General Assembly. Tara Britton, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the Center for Community Solutions and Steve Wagner, Executive Director of the Universal Health Care Action Network (UCHAN) Ohio will succeed Mark Davis, President of Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) and Lisa Hamler Fugitt, Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks as co-chairs of the nearly 500 member health and human service coalition.

Mark Davis, AOF co-chair since 2010, stated, "It's been my privilege to help lead Advocates for Ohio's Future for the past 8 years. As a large, broad-based coalition of passionate, smart and committed health and human services advocates in Ohio, AOF is an amazing organization. I am confident that Tara Britton and Dr. Steve Wagner will do a tremendous job for AOF. They will lead AOF to continued impact on budget and policy solutions so that all Ohioans can live better lives."

"I look forward to continuing to serve on AOF and working with our newly elected co-chairs on policies that fight poverty and promote healthy people, quality communities and pathways to prosperity for all Ohioans," said Lisa Hamler Fugitt. "Tara and Steve bring a vast amount of public policy and advocacy experience to the table and will be dedicated, innovative leaders for our coalition."

Tara Britton stated, "I'm honored to help lead this coalition that seeks to make our state a better place to live, work, and thrive. I'm looking forward to jumping in to AOF's ambitious agenda to advance and protect vital health and human services in Ohio."

"I'm thankful for the confidence of my colleagues and will dutifully bear the voices and experience of our nearly 500 statewide and local member organizations," said Steve Wagner. "Our diversity, our belief in democracy, and our efforts to find common ground make AOF strong, credible, and durable. We stand ready to serve as a meaningful resource to the General Assembly and members of the incoming administration as they work to move Ohio forward."

Joining Britton and Wagner as members of the AOF Executive Committee are:

- Teresa Lampl, Associate Director, Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers
- Wendy Patton, Senior Project Director, Policy Matters Ohio
- Ashon McKenzie, Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund-Ohio
- Susan Jagers, Director, Ohio Poverty Law Center
- Kelly Smith, State Program and Policy Director, Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition
- Lisa Hamler Fugitt, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Foodbanks

See the full list of Steering Committee members for Advocates for Ohio's Future:

<http://advocatesforohio.org/leadership-and-staff>