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ADVOCATES FOR OHIO'S FUTURE NAMES NEW STATE DIRECTOR

COLUMBUS – Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) announced Thursday that Will Petrik, a health and human service advocate with experience in organizing and public relations, has been appointed as its State Director. He was succeeded by Scott Britton, who is stepping down after 2 years at the helm.

“At a time when families and communities are struggling, the AOF Steering Committee is excited to bring in a new State Director whose background and skills will help strengthen our advocacy for vital human services for children, families, seniors, and people with disabilities in Ohio,” said Gayle Channing Tenenbaum, Co-Chair of Advocates for Ohio's Future.

“Scott Britton helped bring Advocates for Ohio's Future to the next level and supported solutions to strengthen families and communities in the last state budget. We intend to build on that under Will Petrik's leadership in the 2014-15 budget,” Co-Chair Mark Davis said.

“I look forward to working with the Steering Committee of Advocates for Ohio's Future and supporters across the state to continue to build one voice for health, human services, and early care & education. I could not be more excited to be part of AOF at this critical time of health care reform and improvements to the human service delivery system,” said Petrik.

Petrik joined the staff of Advocates for Ohio's Future in October 2010 as the coalition's first Outreach Director. He helped recruit over 300 local and statewide organizations to endorse the mission and goals of Advocates for Ohio's Future. He also engaged hundreds of supporters in public policy education and advocacy to support vital public services.

Before coming to Ohio, he worked with the Public Interest Research Group in Olympia, Washington and in Chicago. He is a graduate of the College of St. Scholastica and is originally from North Dakota.

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Advocates for Ohio's Future is a statewide coalition of over 300 local and statewide organizations that works to maintain vital public services – health, human services, and early care & education – at a level that meets people's basic needs and protects our state's most vulnerable populations.